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# Midkota Messenger

Mission Statement: Educating students to be accountable, competent and confident as they pursue their passion in an ever changing world.



## MUSTANG of the Month



Paige Black

Paige is the daughter of Travis & Katie Black and has 3 siblings; Bryar, Emmett, & Brooke. Paige is a 7th Grader and is active in Basketball, Volleyball, Archery, Band, Choir, Theater, & 4-H. Paige's favorite past time is to be with her friends.

Paige was nominated for her kindness towards others, her excellent study skills, and her participation in class and extra-curricular activities.

She leads by example and always gets her work done on time.



Kelsey Johnson

Kelsey is the daughter of Pete & Jessica Johnson and has 3 siblings; Kyle, Kauri, and Aleks. Kelsey is a 10th grader and is active in Volleyball, Basketball, Theater, Speech, FBLA, 4-H, Student Council, Track, & Band and Choir. Kelsey's favorite pastime is being with friends and going to the lake.

Kelsey was nominated for her kindness and being a friend to everyone. Kelsey shows great time management and works hard in school, activities, and sports.



Vanessa Vollmer

Vanessa is the daughter of Jason & Veronica Vollmer and has 3 siblings, Joseph, Victoria, & James. Vanessa is a Junior and is active in Volleyball, Basketball, Student Council, Close-up, FBLA, & 4-H. Vanessa's goal this year is to keep up her good grades.

Vanessa was nominated for her determination and desire to do well in school, sports, and activities. Vanessa is a leader and works hard in everything she does.

Midkota High School "Mustang of the Month" is nominated and chosen by teachers monthly after careful consideration and deliberation. These students demonstrate the values of good citizenship, cooperation and respect for adults and fellow classmates.

Congrats to these students!

# GINGERBREAD House



Our Elementary students must be extraordinarily good this year because Santa sent Sue Bakko and her friendly elves to our school to decorate gingerbread houses! When the **Glenfield and Binford Ambulance** crews caught wind of this activity, they **GENOROUSLY** donated the houses and all of the supplies!! We are so **THANKFUL** for everyone's **kindness** and **generosity**!



Words are powerful, use them wisely.



**Su Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

	1	2	3 E: Parmesan Chicken & Rice HS: Mac-N-Cheese & Mini Corndogs	4 E: Tater Tot Hotdish HS: Hamburger Gravy & Mashed Potatoes	5 E: Pizza Sticks HS: Pulled Pork	6
7	8 E: Hamburgers HS: Spaghetti	9 E: Chicken Gravy & Mashed Potatoes HS: Tacos & Chicken Fajitas	10 E: Mac-N-Cheese & Chicken Strips HS: Soup & Toastie Dogs	11 E: Tacos HS: Meatloaf	12 E: Soup & Sandwich HS: French Dips	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL MLK Jr. Day	16 E: Chicken Burgers HS: Chicken Strips & Cheesy Hashbrowns	17 E: Meatloaf HS: Riblette Sandwiches	18 E: Fish Sticks HS: Chicken & Rice	19 E: Pizza HS: BBQ's	20
21	22 E: Pizza Hotdish HS: Fettuccine Alfredo	23 E: Orange Chicken HS: Crisпитos	24 E: Hotdogs & Corndogs HS: Hamburgers	25 E: Taco in a Bag HS: Breakfast	26 E: Soup & Sandwich HS: Chicken Burgers	27
28	29 E: Turkey HS: Orange Chicken	30 E: Spaghetti HS: Manicotti	31 E: Pulled Pork HS: Chicken Bowls			

# Midkota Seniors!

Midkota Scholarships are available!

Go to the Midkota website: [Home | Midkota Public School \(k12.nd.us\)](#)

- Select the *menu*.
- Select the *documents* folder.
- Select *student documents*.
- Select the *scholarship* folder.

All scholarship applications are due **April 1, 2024**, to Mrs. Brandt or to the office. Read each application and answer the questions

thoroughly. Scholarship recipients will be announced at graduation, Saturday, May 25, 2024.



**The Jacob Johnson Memorial Scholarship** has opened donations to the community. If anyone is interested in donating, we now have an e-donation option in addition to donating via check. Be sure to click into the “Charity” section on the PayPal or Venmo platforms and search for Jacob Johnson Memorial Scholarship. The Venmo account is: [@JJMS-MHS](#)

The Jacob Johnson Memorial Scholarship was established in loving memory of Jacob, son of Keith and Amy Johnson, by the Midkota High School Class of 1992, family, and friends. Our goal is to give a \$1,000 scholarship to a MHS graduate who will attend a trade school or college and whose spirit and academic goals most reflect Jacob’s. A second scholarship may be awarded based on donations and applications received. We hope to maintain the JJMS as long as a graduate from the founding MHS towns apply.

Donation checks can be written out and mailed to:

**Jacob Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

**PO Box 253**

**Carrington, ND 58421-0253**

Our scholarship fund is a tax-free entity, so anyone who donates will receive a receipt/letter for tax purposes.

The remedy for injuries is not to remember them.

# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 4:30p GBB @ MHS vs. Nelson County; V, JV, JH	3 <b>SCHOOL RESUMES</b>	4 6p GBB @ Steele; V, JV	5	6
7	8	9 7:30a School Board Mtg @ MES 4:30p GBB @ Maddock; V, JV, JH	10 Foster County Health @ MHS	11 4:30p GBB @ Larimore; V, JV, 7	12 6p GBB @ GCC vs. Richland; V, JV	13 TBA JH BBB Tourney @ GCC
14	15 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 6p BBB @ Steele; V, JV	16 4p GBB @ GCC vs. MPCG; V, JV, 8, 7 5:15p "C" BBB @ Lakota	17	18 4:30p BBB @ Warwick; V, JV, JH 4:30 GBB "C" @ MHS vs. MPB	19 4:30p GBB @ Warwick; V, JV, JH	20 Noon BBB @ Langdon; V, JV, C, JH
21 January 2 2nd-26th is Kindness Week	22 4p BBB @ Hatton; V, JV, 8, 7	23 4:30p GBB @ MHS vs. Hatton/Northwood; V, JV, 8, 7 4:30p JH BBB @ Carrington; 8, 7	24 1pm Lyceum @ MES	25 4p GBB @ HEC in Hillsboro; V, JV, 8, 7 4p BBB @ GCC vs. BCN; V, JV, C, JH	26 4/4:30p BBB @ GCC vs. Nelson County; V, JV, C, 8, 7	27 Archery @ Carrington
28	29 4:30p GBB @ New Rockford; V, JV, JH	30 3:30p BBB @ MHS vs. New Rockford; V, JV, C, 8, 7	31			

# Regular Board of Education Meeting

Midkota School District 7  
November 14, 2023, 7:30 AM  
Midkota High School  
Glenfield, North Dakota

Board Members Present: President Joel Utke, Shian Hoyt, Bobbi Hoffman, Preston Hoffman, Vice President Veronica Vollmer.

Others Present: Charla Hoyt, Larry and Tony from Zerr Berg, Superintendent Ryan Baron, Katie Ellingson-Zimprich, Elementary Principal Linn Dockter, Carrie Braaten, Kristi Halvorson.

Board Members Absent: Justin Spickler, Louis Halvorson

## 1. Call the Meeting to Order

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Establish a Quorum
- 1.3 Additions to Agenda/Agenda Approval

President Utke called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a quorum was established. With no additions to the agenda, B. Hoffman motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Hoyt. Motion carried.

## 2. Reports

### 2.1 Activities Director Report-

Coaching evaluations are starting this week. Student Athletes were provided surveys to fill out on coaches. Girls' basketball started yesterday and there are 35 players in grades 7-12. Kyle is coming to meet with students for boys' basketball. Kristi and Charla are working on making a manual.

### 2.2 Elementary Principal Report-

The elementary school had a good turnout for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Bus drivers were presented with appreciation gifts on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The Elementary took part in an Eye Training PD session which presented on visual tracking for students. Elementary is busy with boys basketball. A family STEM night has been planned for December 5<sup>th</sup>. December 6<sup>th</sup> is a PD day with Trauma Sensitive Schools training. Reflex Math Fluency program is working well for students gaining proficiency on math facts.

### 2.3 Superintendent/HS Principal Report-

College Application day was October 17<sup>th</sup>. High School teacher evaluations have started. Midkota students recently attend a ND Supreme Court session. NWEA and STAR testing is complete. A few Midkota students recently attended a Heath, Technology, and Trade Career Fair sponsored by the Regional Special Education Units. Superintendent Baron has applied for Cybersecurity, NLSP Kitchen, and Energy Conservation grants. Policies need updating, it would be good to create a policy committee.

Student council is requesting \$2531 for their Conference in Bismarck. Hoyt motioned to approve \$2531 for student council conference. Veronica seconded. Motion carried.

Hoyt motioned that the board will pay the difference between the coop payments for EL Teacher credits and the cost of the credits for EL classes. B. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### 3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Minutes of October 10 Regular School Board Meeting, October 26 Building Notes, November 7 Special Board Meeting and November 9 Building Committee Notes.
- 3.2 October Bills
- 3.3 November Budget

Hoyt motioned to approve the consent agenda. P. Hoffman seconded. Motion carried.

### 4. Unfinished Business

- 4.1 Building Trades Cabin Updates and Bids Review

Discussion of listing this on Bizman and keep advertising as students keep working on the project. Bids will continue to be accepted with the right to reject any bids.

- 4.2 Boiler Updates & Finances

Kolenda plans to come this week. Kolenda was informed of the completion date of December 31, 2023 date. \$33,000 was paid to Kolenda this month.

### 5. New Business

- 5.1 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with LRSC for dual credit courses

Hoyt Motioned to approve memorandum of understanding with LRSC for dual credit courses. Vollmer seconded. Motion carried.

- 5.2 Zerr Berg Gym/Elem Rooms Presentation

Larry and Tony from Zerr Berg presented three options for a gym and elementary rooms. Zerr Berg reminded the board that prices can fluctuate and these amounts include Binford addition. Discussion continued on this project and the steps that need to be taken moving forward.

Hoyt motioned to look at the next steps of a survey and financing. Vollmer seconded. Motion carried.

- 5.3 November Superintendent Evaluation

Hoyt motioned to accept Superintendent Evaluation. Seconded by Vollmer, Motion passed.

### 6. Committee Reports

- 6.1 Budget/Finance
- 6.2 Buildings

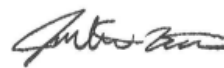
The buildings committee met on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to discuss the boiler with Josh Kolenda. The buildings committee met on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to discuss building options with Zerr Berg.

- 6.3 Curriculum, Technology, & Staff Development
- 6.4 Sports Cooperative

### 7. Adjournment & Next Meeting

B. Hoffman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 AM. Hoyt seconded the motion. On roll call vote, motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 12 – 7:30 am, Midkota High School in Glenfield, ND.



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President

  
Business Manager



**Upcoming Events:**

**Monday, January 8:**

**Tuesday, January 9:** School Board Meeting @ MES

GBB @ Maddock vs. Benson County; V, JV, JH

**Wednesday, January 10:** Last day to Add/Drop a class (MHS)

Foster County Health @ MHS

**Thursday, January 11:** GBB @ Larimore; V, JV, 7

**Friday, January 12:** GBB @ GCC vs. Richland; V, JV

**Saturday, January 13:** JH BBB Tournament @ GCC