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## social media

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Middletown Girls BBall Twitter

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MHS Yearbook Twitter

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**Want your website, Twitter account, Facebook page, or Instagram feed listed here?**

**Or do you have news from the MHS community that you want to share?**

**Contact Brooke Hontz at Brooke.Hontz @fcps.org**

**If you are interested in advertising in the newsletter during the 2015-2016 school year, contact Noah Kady at noah.kady@fcps.org**

## headline news

### Accepting the challenge

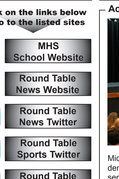

Photo by Evan Ruderman

Middletown High School students attentively watch a presentation in the auditorium on Sept. 8 about Rachel's Challenge, a non-profit program designed to create "safe, connected school environments where learning and teaching are maximized." The program was founded after the Columbine shootings in 1999, during which 12 students and one teacher were killed and 24 others were injured. Rachel's Challenge was inspired by the life and writings of Rachel Scott, a 17-year-old high school junior who was the first person to be killed in the attack.

- To follow Rachel's Challenge on Twitter, follow: **https://twitter.com/RachelsChalleng**
- To learn more about Rachel's Challenge, go to: **http://www.rachelschallenge.org/**

## gallery

### Back-to-School Night

RT Media Staff Photo

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### First Foothall Game

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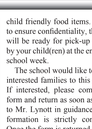

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## PTSA, Sports Boosters seeking members

Use this form to join, renew, or both.

**Middletown High PTSA School Membership**

Thank you for joining the PTSA. Please submit the completed form and payment to the front office.
(Sit for each member)

Member #1: _____ ☐ adult ☐ student (grade _____)
Member #2: _____ ☐ adult ☐ student (grade _____)
Member #3: _____ ☐ adult ☐ student (grade _____)
Member #4: _____ ☐ adult ☐ student (grade _____)

For PTSA card distribution, please provide:
Student Name: _____ 1st Block Teacher: _____

**Write-A-Check Fundraiser**

Please consider making a tax deductible donation to support the PTSA. The Write-A-Check campaign is the sole PTSA fundraiser for the school year. Your support makes the following (and more) possible:

- College scholarships
- Student assemblies
- Parent programs
- Aid for needy students
- Reflections art program
- Staff appreciation
- School beautification projects
- Senior Baccalaureate ceremony
- Student leadership opportunities

**Please check one:**

$10 _____ $25 _____ $ 50 _____
$100 _____ $ _____ other

Total # of members _____ x $8.00 = $ _____

Write-A-Check Fundraiser + $ _____

TOTAL (one check payable to MHS PTSA) $ _____

Thank you

Contact Le Ann Wouche, PTSA president, if you have any questions at wouche@verizon.net
Sign up for Find Out First to receive important PTSA communications.

PTSA
www.pta.org/1000464

**Sports Club, Inc.**
**7/2015-6/2016**
**Membership Levels**

M.H.S. Sports Club, Inc. is a 501c3 corporation created for the sole purpose of supporting all teams and athletes of Middletown High School. The success of the Boosters is only possible through our members. The funds we raise are used to purchase equipment, uniforms, supplies, buses, and other items requested by Athletic Director, Coaches, Parents, and Athletes.

Click on the following link to access the membership form on the Sports Boosters web page: **MHS Sports Club Membership Form**

## things to know

### Attendance age now compulsory at 17

Effective July 1, 2015, the compulsory age of attendance increased from 16 to 17. This change will be reflected in the revised version of the Maryland Student Records Manual 2016. It is now required by law students attend school until they are 17 years of age. Maryland is among a growing number of states that are requiring students to stay in school longer.

### Middletown High gets praise for curb appeal

Middletown High School is one of 13 schools this year that really stood out for opening day and will be receiving a "Curb Appeal" certificate.

Every year FCPS representatives travel around the Frederick County to identify schools which have curb appeal. What is curb appeal? It's that feeling you get when you drive up to a building saying, "Wow! I would want to work/live here!" It's that first impression you get before stepping inside. Curb appeal is what makes a community feel like there is value in its investment.

The following factors were considered in determining the "best of the best": grass mowed, edges trimmed, cracks in sidewalks/parking lots weed-free, walkways and curbs swept, fence lines clean, trees pruned, bushes trimmed, exterior paint in good shape, beds weeded, loading docks tidy, chiller/cooling tower areas clean, gates well-maintained and secure, updated signage, brickwork free of graffiti, playgrounds ready for children, and stadiums ready to host.

The MHS administration would like to congratulate our custodial crew on their amazing effort to provide a welcoming environment for our students, staff, and visitors.

### Students choose clubs to join for Activity Days

This school year, Middletown High School will be trying a new Activity Day format. Starting Sept. 11, Activity Day will now occur every Friday. Each Friday will alternate between Orange Days and Black Days. The same club day bell schedule from the previous school year will be used. Clubs will meet for 45 minutes. Students still have the opportunity to join additional clubs and honor societies which meet before or after school.

Students have had the opportunity to select two different clubs to attend each month, an Orange Club and a Black Club. To help choose clubs, students viewed a presentation on Sept. 4, which explained the Activity Day schedule, sign-up process, and behavior expectations.

A slide show followed, which will highlighted all of the club membership possibilities. Online sign-ups were open from Sept. 4-8. Students could sign-up using their own personal cell phone/computer, a computer in the media center, or one of Chromebooks set up in the cafeteria. Club selections are for the entire school and no changes will be made. Students who chose not to sign up for a club will be placed in a study hall during the activity time.

### College Board, Khan Academy help with SATs

The College Board and Khan Academy have teamed up to create free practice resources for the new SAT®, making it easier than ever for all students to achieve their personal best. These online resources generate individualized practice recommendations that meet students right where they are in their learning — and help them grow. Visit: www.satpractice.org.

On Khan Academy, students can:

- Focus practice where they need it most, pinpointing areas to strengthen using diagnostic quizzes and interactive tests. In the future, students will be able to upload their PSAT/NMSQT® scores for an even more personalized experience
- Build specific knowledge and improve skill areas with thousands of practice questions and video lessons
- Track their progress with instant feedback, so they can see how far they've come and where to focus next

### Homecoming on Oct. 17; theme is Fire and Ice

The SGA has been hard at work planning this year's Homecoming dance. Our Homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 to 11 p.m.

Our theme this year is Fire and Ice. Tickets will go on sale Monday, Oct. 12, through Thursday, Oct. 15; on all lunch shifts. No tickets will be sold after Oct. 15.

Tickets will be $20 and all students will need a signed dance form guideline form to purchase a ticket. Please be aware that there will be no admittance to the dance after 9 p.m. without prior administrative approval.

### Media Center has lots of new titles to check out

The Media Center has lots of wonderful new books on display and ready for checkout.

Don't miss shelfs. No tickets will be sold after Oct. 15.

- *The Hunted*, sequel to Matthew de la Pena's *The Living*
- *Unbroken*, the young-adult version of Laura Hillenbrand's best-seller
- *Saint Anything*, the latest from Sarah Dessen
- New romances, such as *Things We Know by Heart*
- And, of course, all the John Green titles

Books are checked out for three weeks, and you can check out up to five books at a time.

We are open at 7:15 in the morning, and after school until 2:45 Mondays and Fridays, 3:30 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, so feel free to come in and study.

We also have Kindles, Playaways, and ebooks that can be downloaded right from our website to your own device, so stop by and check us out!

### Honor Society students can offer assistance

Are you in need of students to help with a community service project? The Middletown High School National Honor Society is ready to support the community. If interested in requesting assistance with a project, please contact Stacy MacMillan, NHS Advisor. Contact information: stacy.macmillan@fcps.org or 240.236.7541

### NHS and SGA collecting school supplies for others

The National Honor Society (NHS) and Student Government Association (SGA) are having a school drive to collect supplies to help the Middletown Valley People Helping People (MVPHP) organization. Let's collect enough supplies to ensure that students have supplies to start the new school year!

School supplies will be collected in each first period class from Tuesday, Sept. 8, through Thursday, Sept. 17.

Supplies Needed: Backpacks, Flash Drives, Compasses, Protractors, Rulers, Scissors, Glue Sticks, Zipper Pencil Pouches, Supply Boxes, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Pencils, Highlighters, Ink pens, Markers- washable, Erasers, Notebook paper – wide and college rule, Spiral Notebooks – wide and college rule, Composition Books, Folders with metal prongs, Index Cards, 5-tab Dividers and 3-ring Binders and TI 83 Graphing Calculators.

The mission of MVPHP is MVPHP is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization developed and managed by volunteers to develop and support programs that benefit and assist the citizens of all ages that live in Braddock Heights, Middletown, Myersville, Wolfsville, and other local areas.

### Free after-school tutors available for students

Are you looking for a tutor to help with English or Social Studies?

MHS offers free after-school tutoring on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:20 to 3:45 p.m.

We can work on writing skills, grammar, essays, projects, homework, make-up work, prepare for tests (HSA, PARCC, SAT, CRES, or in-class tests) -- anything you need.

Please check in with Mrs. Clark in room 515 or email jenn.clark@fcps.org

### Weekend food program helps families in need

The Weekend Food Program directly supplies children with food for the weekends. Bags are filled with nutritious, easy to prepare, child friendly food items. In order to ensure confidentiality, these bags will be ready for pick-up at school by your child(ren) at the end of each school week.

The school would like to connect interested families to this program. If interested, please complete the form and return as soon as possible to Mr. Lynott in guidance. All information is strictly confidential. Once the form is returned, the child will be enrolled in the program. The first food bags will be sent home the weekend of Sept. 18.

For more information and to view the registration form, go to: **http://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/upload/61/3346.pdf**

### General Assembly Page Program open to seniors

Seniors who are interested in government and politics and want to consider applying for the Maryland General Assembly Page program.

Students serve as pages to the Frederick Delegation for two non consecutive weeks in late winter, early spring. Each FCPS high school is allowed to select one senior for consideration to this program. If you are interested in learning more, please see Mr. Donald in room 218. Selection is completed by Oct. 27.

All applicants must:

- Reside in the State of Maryland and attend a Maryland public or nonpublic high school;
- Be a high school senior and at least 16 years of age;
- Have or obtain a Social Security number;
- Exhibit an interest in government and history;
- Have a record of good conduct;
- Be competent, courteous, reliable, and efficient;
- Have an average or above average scholastic record;
- Wear appropriate dress and exhibit good personal grooming; and
- Be outgoing and like to meet people.

During the 13 weeks of session, which runs from the second week in January to early April, each page serves one week during the first eight weeks and returns for a second week during the last five.

The duties of the page revolve around the schedule of the chamber to which the page is assigned. Whenever their assigned chamber is in session, pages must be present.

Duties include keeping the members' bill books up-to-date, distributing materials on the floor to the members, running errands, answering the phone, assisting visitors and delivering messages to the members. Pages do not work in delegates' or senators' offices. This work is done by staff members and college interns. Each page is paid a stipend of $55 per day worked to cover expenses. Visit **http://dbm.state.md.us/Content.aspx?page=65** for more information.

### Students must record and track service hours

This is a reminder for students to record and submit their meritorious service hours to the Transition Education Office – Room 315 (Mr. Zimmer and Mrs. Gibson) as soon as they are completed.

Students who have submitted at least 75 hours by Sept. 30 will receive recognition at the awards assembly in the fall.

The Meritorious Service Hours form can be obtained from the Transition Education Office (Room 315) or click here for the form. Students need to fill out the forms completely, including student signature and the supervisor of the activity. Please remember that the supervisor of the activity should be someone other than a parent.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Mr. Zimmer – james.zimmer@fcps.org, 240-236-7530

Mrs. Gibson – alisa.gibson@fcps.org, 240-236-7561

### Community Clothes Closet ready to open

The grand opening of the Middletown Community Clothes Closet (A Ministry of Zion Lutheran Church) will occur on Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. The Clothes Closet is a community outreach that provides FREE clothing and shoes to anyone who has a need.

- Location: 123 West Main Street, Middletown
- Hours: First and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon.

Donations of gently used clothes and shoes can be dropped at the closet on the Saturday mornings they are open. If you have a question about the closet you can email them at closet@zionmiddletown.org or if you have an emergency clothing need you can contact the church office at 301-371-6500.

### Students taking SAT should register soon

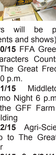
**SAT date:** Oct. 3
**For SAT subject test info, go to: https://sat.collegeboard.org/register#subjectTestList0**
**Registration deadline:** Sept. 3

**SAT date:** Nov. 7
**For SAT subject test info, go to: https://sat.collegeboard.org/register#subjectTestList1**
**Registration deadline:** Oct. 9

To register, go to www.collegeboard.org. Deadlines expire at midnight, EDT (U.S.)

## What's my name?

**MHS is proud to introduce our newest knight. We currently are looking to the students to help pick his name. Look for him to be at MHS games.**



### Spirit Week plans include dress-up days, pep rally

The SGA has a fun filled spirit week planned leading up to the annual MHS Homecoming Dance. Spirit Week will run from Monday, Oct. 12, through Thursday, Oct. 15.

Each spirit day will include a dress theme, as well as carnival type games during all lunch shifts. The students will be able to earn spirit points for their class by participaing in the activities. There will be a spirit meter in the cafeteria to track points.

Additionally, there will be a classroom door decorating contest and a duct tape fashion show. There will be a canned food drive fundraiser to support the Middletown Valley Food Bank.

The kickoff for Spirit Week begins at the pep rally on Friday, Oct. 9.

Middletown High School's spirit-themed dress-up days are:

- Monday, Oct. 12 - #1 Fan Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 - Camo Day
- Wednesday, Oct.14 - superheroes versus supervillians
- Thursday, Oct. 15 - Class Color Battle

Dress code policy still applies. No hats on during class, No full face paint, No masks, No revealing clothing. See student handbook for specifics.

### FFA

**Summer Accomplishments**
**State Convention:**
**Floriculture** - Fourth-Place Team Overall, Lexi Glover (10th), Taylor Norris (18th), Olivia Moser (12th), and Joseph Karth (13th)
**Vet Science** - Fifth-Place Team Overall, Ava Brenengen, Kayla Brody, Alexandra Yurcisk, Sarah Spellane, Jared Wojton and Alyssa Williams
**Agricultural Sales** - Second-Place Team Overall, Sara Wenner (2), Josh Moore (gold), Jody Eccard (gold), Catherine Toms (silver), and Sam McCutcheon (silver)
**Ag Knowledge Bowl** - Third-Place Team Overall
**Horticulture Bowl** - Second-Place Team Overall
**Agricultural Issues** - Fourth-Place Team Overall
**Prepared Public Speaking** - Jody Eccard, First Place
**Extemporaneous Public Speaking** - Aubrey Wisherner, First Place
**Job Interview** - Alexandra Yurcisk, Silver Medalist
**Creed Interview** - Kayla Brody, Silver Medalist
**Poultry Judging**- Aubrey Wisherner - Fifth-Place Individual
**Livestock Judging** - Fourth-Place Team - Sara Wenner, Kayla Brody, Jody Eccard and Ava Brenengen
**State Safe Tractor Operators Competition** - Chase Ganley, Fifth-Place

Members also did very well this summer participating many fairs, shows and leadership conferences.

**FFA Upcoming Dates:**
**9/8/15** Middletown FFA Alumni Meeting, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Myersville, Md.
**9/9/15** Horticulture Workshop Series for students (Can your goods or ours!), 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Rm 439, MHS
**9/16/15** Supervise Agriculture Experience (Record book) Work Day, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Rm. 433, MHS
**9/18/15 - 9/27/15** - The Great Frederick Fair (Many members will be participating events and shows)
**9/20/15** FFA Greenhand and Characters Counts Program at The Great Frederick Fair, 5:30 p.m.
**9/21/15** Middletown FFA Demo Night 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the GFF Farm & Garden Building
**9/22/15** Agri-Science Field Trip to The Great Frederick Fair
**9/22/15 & 9/24/15** Heritage Day Float Building Days 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Rm. 440, MHS
**9/26/15** Heritage Day Parade
**10/01/15** Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

**Spaghetti Dinner, Oct. 1**

On Oct. 1 the Middletown FFA Chapter will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A delicious meal will be served of spaghetti, salad, bread, drinks and desserts.

Tickets are $10/person at door OR $8/person in advance, 8 and under are 1/2 price, 3 and under are FREE. Carry-out is also available.

For more information please call: 240-236-7494 or email sara.seiser@fcps.org or sarah.shriner@fcps.org. All proceeds will benefit the Middletown FFA chapter and students attending national level competitions this fall. We hope to see you there!

**Sub Sandwich Fundraiser:**

Members will be selling sandwiches now thru Sept. 25. Sandwich types vary and are priced from $4 to $8.

Please contact a member, Mrs. Shriner or Mrs. Seiser to place an order.

All proceeds will benefit the Middletown FFA chapter and students attending national level competitions this fall.