



FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ...

10-23-26

Registration is now open (greatermidland.org/msa) for the FALL II/WINTER I SPORTS SEASON!

- **Volleyball**
- **Wrestling**
- **Boys Swim**



Physical and code of conduct forms need to be submitted before the start of tryouts and practice.

The last day to register for Fall 2/Winter I sports is November 1st ...

BOYS SWIMMING COACHES NAMED

Cindy Smerdon and Andrea Belk have been named coaches for the upcoming boys swim season.

Head coach Smerdon previously served as the assistant coach during the modified season in 2021 and is the proud mom of three former Northeast swimmers—two now swimming for Midland High and one attending SVSU. Coach Smerdon has 12 years as a substitute teacher with MPS, and experience teaching water aerobics. She brings organization, experience, and a love of swimming to the team.

Assistant coach Belk is excited to join the team. She is a former competitive swimmer from elementary through high school, Belk brings a lifelong love of the sport. As a military veteran and mom of five, coach Belk looks forward to sharing her passion for swimming and helping young athletes grow in and out of the pool.

Swim Newsletter

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ve2U1sgK884sEM0EF3gyhqbUuDI02lgyKWmjzU-5kiY/edit?tab=t.0>

Diving Schedule:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x4OYWRqEA15yakSoJfZkc7POXodqS6JR/view?usp=sharing>

Swimming Practice Schedule (@ Northeast - pool) - starting 10/26 - daily

First day of practice: October 26 - 3:15 - 4:30

VOLLEYBALL

8th Grade HC - Coach Wright - mawright763@gmail.com

7th Grade HC - Coach Owens - kattymowens@gmail.com

7th Grade Tryout Schedule (@ Northeast)

October 21 - 3:30 - 5:30

October 22 - 3:30 - 5:30

October 23 - 3:30 - 5:30

8th Grade Tryout Schedule (@ Midland High School - Main Gym)

October 22 - 5:00 - 7:00

October 23 - 4:00 - 6:00

October 26 - 5:00 - 7:00

Students will need the following for tryouts: Shorts/t-shirts/knee pads/water bottle

WRESTLING

Head Coach - Coach Donovan - donovanmc@midlandps.org

Donovan named wrestling coach

Michael Donovan named wrestling coach for the 2026 season. Coach Donovan is a health and physical education teacher and the former long-time varsity wrestling coach at Midland High School. His teams earned 10 district titles and three Saginaw Valley League (SVL) championships during his tenure as head coach. He is the father of two sons.

Coach Donovan will be over to Northeast on Tuesday and Wednesday during the lunch hours for signups.

Wrestling Practice Schedule (@ Northeast - back gym) - starting 10/26 - daily

First day of practice: October 26 - 3:15 - 5:00

Fall II/Winter I Sports Spiritwear Stores (All stores close on 11/1/26 at midnight):

[Northeast Volleyball Spirit Wear 2026](#)

[Northeast Wrestling Spirit Wear 2026](#)

[Northeast Swim & Dive Spirit Wear 2026](#)

- Fees can be paid online through the Greater Midland Community Center website:
<https://www.gretermidland.org/msa>
- Please double click on the sport photo at the bottom of the page to start the registration process
- Payment can be made at the Greater Midland Community Center located at:
 - 2205 Jefferson Ave.
 - Midland, MI 48640
 - (989) 832-7937

Students who qualify for free or reduced priced lunch through Midland Public Schools will be granted a scholarship. To apply for a scholarship, please fill out the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and check the box allowing our food service department to share your application (application link below) with school officials. Completed applications should be sent to your child's school or the MPS Food & Nutrition Services Office at 600 E. Carpenter St. Midland, 48640. Paper applications may also be filled out and sent to the main office of your student's school.

Students are **REQUIRED** to register for each sport that they are participating in:

Students who qualify for reduced lunch rates will pay \$50 per activity.

Students who qualify for free lunch rates will pay \$30 per activity.

If you are paying free/reduced fees please contact the athletic director to override the full athletic fee at mcgeeca@midlandps.org.

Needed forms below:

- [Link to physical form](#)
- [Link to NE Code of Conduct Form](#)

Event days:

All Events Start at 4:30 p.m. (unless noted on the schedule)

Volleyball (Monday and Wednesday)

Wrestling (Tuesday and Thursday)

Boys Swimming & Diving – (Wednesday)

Practices are held Monday thru Friday after school for most sports programs.

No bus transportation to events!

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