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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yesterday, I told you about the Chinese Zodiac and the circle of 12 animals and how this relates to the Lunar New Year. Today we will learn about the meaning of the Year of the Snake.

Snakes are viewed with both fear and reverence in Chinese culture. On the one hand, venomous snakes are associated with darkness. But in Chinese mythology, snakes are also known as "little dragons," and the skin they shed is known as "the dragon's coat," symbolizing good luck, rebirth, and regeneration. The snake also symbolizes the pursuit of love and happiness. In Chinese culture, they are grouped with the turtle and crane as a symbol of longevity, or in other words, living a longlife. So how is the snake represented in cultures that celebrate the Lunar New Year? Merchants in China and elsewhere are producing lanterns, soft toys and other products where the snakes have googly eyes and goofy smiles [so they appear cute and cuddly](#), and don't scare away young celebrants. So exactly which Asian countries celebrate the Lunar New Year besides China? Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, North Korea, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand. Regardless of what countries celebrate the Lunar New Year, they all hope for good things to come in the coming year. Exactly like we do. Remember, Chemics, tomorrow, from 2-6 p.m. you can celebrate the Lunar New Year at Dow Diamond. This event is free, and all are welcome!

Tomorrow is the first day of February and Black History Month begins. Celebrating Black History Month is important because it provides a dedicated time to recognize and honor the achievements of Black Americans throughout history, highlighting their significant contributions to society while also acknowledging the struggles African Americans have faced. This year's Black History Month theme is African Americans and Labor and focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds - free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational, and voluntary - intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. Work is at the center of much of Black history and culture as referenced by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Next week, the MHS Black Student Union is sponsoring a spirit week. Also, each day there will be an announcement featuring an aspect of African American culture. At the end of the week, you will receive a Google form during third hour where you can complete the form for a chance to win a gift card to a local business. Stay tuned for more information on Monday.

Today, join us for bracelet-making in Eyeball Alley during both lunches and after school from 2:30-3:00. Make a bracelet for yourself or even a friend that resembles why YOU matter. Why You Matter is a campaign supporting mental health and self-worth. Hope to see you there Chemics!

Dual Enrollment: Future dual enrolled students, do you need assistance completing the packet you received last week? Stop by the Media Center with your Chromebook during either lunch on February 5th and we will assist you with the process. You will need your social security number with you to complete the Delta enrollment if you have not done that portion yet.

Girls Track: There will be a meeting for all girls interested in joining the track and field team on Friday, February 7 at 2:30 in the Little Theatre. If you have a 7th hr. class, please come after. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Sugnet.

Co-Op: Are you a current Junior that wants to co-op next year, but you missed the meeting with Dr. Cronk? You've got one more chance! All current Juniors that are interested in finding out more about the co-op program are invited to meet with Dr. Cronk next Wednesday on February 5th in Room 137 before school at 7:20am or after 6th hour at 2:30pm. Scan the QR code by Chemic Corner to find out more.

Ski Club: Chemics are you Feeling bummed you missed our last legendary ski trip? No sweat! We're carving fresh tracks at Caberfae again Thursday February 13th, and you're totally invited! Imagine this: carving through powdery perfection, high-fives so frosty they could freeze time, and moguls you'll conquer like a boss. That was our last ski trip, and it was legendary. So, ditch the textbooks, grab your skis and boards, and join us for another round of snowy fun. We'll be hitting the slopes at Caberfae in two weeks, and trust us, it's gonna be epic. See Mr. Little for details.

GSA Club: GSA will be hosting a UNO tournament in room 347 on Tuesday, February 4th. Come join us and show off your UNO skills! Light snacks will be provided.

Yearbook: 2025 Chemic Yearbook prices go up Feb 1 - that's Saturday! Right now, you can order online or bring check / cash to room 325 - for \$60. But next week, the cost is \$70 - don't pay more than you have to! Order online at www.yearbookforever.com today.

Volunteer Opportunity: MHS Athletic Booster Club is looking for volunteers to work in concessions for a variety of shifts between 8 am - 8 pm for the wrestling meet this Saturday. Please visit <https://signup.com/go/ekGcrDC> to sign up. MHS ABC is happy to acknowledge volunteer hours. Volunteers are provided one food item and a beverage during their shift as a thank you.

POSITIVE THINKING

A Mantra for Taking Charge of Your Happiness

"I can choose to help myself through difficult times by being kind to myself, reminding myself that I have talents and strengths to share with the world, and by listening and responding to my needs."

SPORTS ACTION

Boys 9th Basketball: Last night, the Chemics battled hard but fell short to Mt. Pleasant, 49-34. Eli Rohr led the way offensively with 15 points, while the defensive effort was anchored by standout performances from Landon Wisneski, Cameron Randall, and Harrison Worsley. With the loss, the team's record now stands at 8-6-1. The Chemics will look to bounce back on Tuesday, February 3rd, when they take on Davison at 4:00 PM. Let's keep supporting our team as they push forward this season! Go Chemics!

Boys JV Basketball: The Chemics fell to Mt. Pleasant 39-43. Hudi and Caleb each scored 12 points, while Gibbs added 10. The Chemics fought back from an early deficit, rallying all the way before coming up just short in the end. Midland will face Bridgeport at home on Monday.

Girls 9th Basketball: Last night the freshman girls basketball lost a tough battle against Mount Pleasant 21-46. Ellie Powell led the way with 5 points and 6 rebounds. Kayden Metcalf added 5 points and 4 steals.

Boys Swim: Midland Chemic Boys Swim Team Shows Grit in Tough Meet vs. Grand Blanc. The Chemics faced a tough matchup against the Grand Blanc Bobcats, but the team stepped up in a big way! Ten swimmers took on new events for the season, and nine swimmers earned season or personal bests - an incredible achievement!

Seasonal or Personal Bests by Event:

- **200 Yard IM:** Connor Smerdon, Bradley Chesney
- **50 Yard Freestyle:** Zach Skutt, Spencer Smerdon, Brandon Chesney, Jackson Larson
- **100 Yard Butterfly:** Reid Plaxton
- **100 Yard Freestyle:** Zach Skutt
- **500 Yard Freestyle:** Carson Leonard

A huge congratulations to all the swimmers who pushed their limits by competing in new or unfamiliar events, as well as those who achieved season or personal bests! Next Meet is Tuesday at Davison

IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Friday:

Hockey v FNV @ 7pm Midland Civic Arena

JV SVL Wrestling @ MHS

Basketball @ Mt. Pleasant

Girls JV @ 4pm

Girls Varsity @ 6pm

Boys Varsity @ 7:30pm

Saturday:

Hockey v South Lyon Unified 2:30pm

Varsity SVL Wrestling 9am

Boys Bowling v Lapeer @ Roll-A-Way Lanes 9:30am

Girls Bowling v Lapeer @ Gerlach Lanes 9:30am

Sunday:

Girls Wrestling @ MHS 9am

Pom @ Mid American Pom @ SVSU

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