

# Myers Park High School

## "Giving Your Best"

### School and Community

Since 1951, Myers Park High School has inspired in its students a passion for learning and a commitment to personal integrity and academic excellence. Ranked by the Washington Post as one of America's Best High Schools, MPHS spans 62 acres and is comprised of 13 individual buildings, offering its approximately 2800 diverse students a unique learning opportunity in an environment similar to a small college campus. Says Eric Davis, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board Member District 5, "Our community can be proud of how Myers Park High School is meeting high expectations for our feeder area."

### Values

Offering a comprehensive array of support services and resources designed to help all students succeed, MPHS's 210+ faculty and staff value *academic achievement* and *cultivating a sense of family*. Together, we want to ensure that *all students are performing at their highest academic potential* in all core subjects while developing a culture where *students and parents are valued* and *large feels small*.

### Academics

MPHS offers 22 Advanced Placement (AP) courses and 45 International Baccalaureate (IB) courses as well as Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses, apprenticeships, career intern programs, and an Occupational Course of Study for Exceptional Education students. Honors courses are offered in most academic areas and remediation instruction is provided.

In 2013, Newsweek Magazine recognized MPHS as one of America's Best High Schools. With a graduation rate of 89%, an average Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score of 1641, an average AP score of 3.5, and approximately 98% of students reported as college bound, MPHS is proven effective in turning out college-ready grads.

At the end of the 2012-2013 school year, 523 of our students completed 1,102 AP exams with 69.4% resulting in a 3 or higher. 172 of our students earned an AP Scholar Award and 4 students were recognized as a National AP Scholar. The class of 2013 received over 426 scholarships and awards totaling over 14 million dollars and their average SAT score was 1693. Our students are consistently recognized as recipients of prestigious scholarships such as the National Merit, the Morehead-Cain, the Cato-McFarland, the Coca-Cola Scholars, the Duke Power Excellence, and the Jefferson.

### Community Partnerships

Communities In Schools (CIS) partners with community volunteers, Inspire the Fire, Center for Intentional Leadership, and Mecklenburg County Health to case manage 105 students. Urban Eagles mentors students living in the Grier Heights community. The PTSO provides teacher grants to support classroom instruction and scholarships towards the completion of National Board Certification.

## Extra-Curricular

With an offering of over 17 sanctioned and club sports and over 90 student-led clubs and student-led organizations, our students are provided numerous opportunities to *compete*, *collaborate*, and *develop confidence*.

In 2012-2013, MPHS finished 5th in the state in the Wells Fargo Cup for the best athletics program in the state, making it the 16<sup>th</sup> year in a row it has earned a top 5 spot. Men's golf and men's soccer were both runners up in the state championship. Women's basketball has been 59-2 for the last two years with back-to-back conference titles. Last year, women's soccer, men's soccer, women's basketball, and men's golf earned conference titles. Currently, MPHS leads Wells Fargo Conference Cup standings and the divers and swimmers are Conference Champs.

The Hoofprint, MPHS's official newspaper, was a 2012 finalist in the National Scholastic Press Association's Newspaper Pacemakers competition. The North Carolina Scholastic Media Association recognized MPHS's literary magazine, *Pegasus*, with a 2013 High School Journalism Magazine Division Overall Award of Distinction.

In 2013, MPHS students received the North Carolina Association for Scholastic Activities (NCASA) Scholastic Cup for earning the most scholastic points for their participation and excellence in scholastic competitions throughout the year. Achievements include Quiz Bowl state winner for the last 2 years, Scholastic Cup winner for the last 3 years, National Economics Challenge state finalist for the last 6 years, and Governor's Cup winner for the last 3 years. In 2013, the Speech and Debate team earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Tarheel Forensic League and the Chess Club received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Southern Scholastic, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the state, and 7<sup>th</sup> place in the nation. The HOSA Bowl team earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in the National Leadership competition.

The award-winning Marching Mustangs, with 105+ members, has received numerous recognitions. Students are invited to participate in Freshmen Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, and Advanced Placement Music Theory.

Students in the Career and Technical Education program have been recognized as national winners while participating in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) competitions and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competitions. Additionally, students have been recognized as state-level winners during Technology Student Association (TSA) competitions and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competitions.

## How We Are Growing

Current renovations to our school include the replacement of 1500 seats on the visitor's side of the football field, including alumni bleachers, new concessions and restrooms on the visitor's side, and improved wheelchair accessibility. A new gymnasium, which will be used for physical education classes and interscholastic competitions, is to be completed in August 2014. In June 2014, workers will begin renovations on the school's Language Arts building.

## For More Information, Visit

<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/myersparkHS/Pages/Default.aspx>

### MPHS Feeder Schools

Alexander Graham Middle  
Carmel Middle  
Cotswold Elementary  
Dilworth Elementary  
Eastover Elementary  
Elizabeth Traditional \*  
Myers Park Traditional \*  
Randolph Middle \*  
Sedgefield Elementary  
Sedgefield Middle  
Selwyn Elementary  
Sharon Elementary

\* Magnet Schools