



## Morse Middle School for the Gifted and Talented

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### Upcoming Events

Feb. 2 STAR testing Closes  
Feb. 7 MYP Parent Meeting  
Feb. 16 Revised student attendance is required.  
Feb. 19 No School mid - semester break

### The Morse Mission Statement

We envision every student at Morse Middle School for the Gifted and Talented will grow academically, socially, and emotionally to become life long-learners, productive citizens and future leaders of our community and the world.

## IB Corner

Morse Middle School is on track to becoming an IB school!

### IB MYP Parent Meeting

Calling all Parents to join this IB MYP Parent Meeting to share out what is next for Morse Middle School becoming an IB MYP School. Parents, we need your support, cooperation, and feedback as we prepare to start the 2024-2025 School Year as a newly authorized IB School. Please Parents, join this Meeting on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00pm on Zoom, Zoom Code: 868 2800 5354, Passcode: 759922. Join in Parents, We Need You! Please take 3 seconds to sign up for the meeting. Sign-Up Link: <https://forms.gle/DTaYhtprJTHUnA2r8>

This month's IB Focus on the IB Learner Profiles. Each month in the school, we focus on one of these Learner Profiles to assist our students in building good character.

As we share with students, we ask you the Parents, to share with your children to help them walk out through character traits in and outside of school. Parents, speak with your children on the importance of the character trait and if you can take a couple of minutes to fill out a parent feedback survey that helps to learn how to better support our students at home. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our IB Coordinator, Dr. Erika M. Ashford at 414-393-3522 or [ashforem@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:ashforem@milwaukee.k12.wi.us)

Learner Profile Focus: Open Mindedness- An OPEN-MINDED student knows that all people are different. They listen to the points of view of others and consider many possibilities before making a decision. They celebrate the differences that make all people unique.

Parent Feedback Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/4F9w9MwZxyan159o6>

### **More Important News**

**PARENT PICK-UP!** Calls for Student Pick-Up must be made by 3:30pm! Pick-Up ends at 3:30pm and resumes at 4:15pm. No calls will be taken between 3:30 and 4:15pm.

**Parents must come into the building to sign out students for early dismissal.**

### **Special Education Services**

If your student has an IEP and receives special education services and you have questions about high school enrollment, please reach out to the special education supervisor, E.B. Compton, at maynares@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or 414-393-3500

### **Morse 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Guardians!**

[https://milwaukee.wi.infinitecampus.org/campus/online/loginKiosk\\_milwaukee.jsp](https://milwaukee.wi.infinitecampus.org/campus/online/loginKiosk_milwaukee.jsp)

If you would like to change your child's high school enrollment for next year, please visit the above link. You can check your child's enrollment on your MPS Parent Portal Account.

**All schools with available seats will be listed.**

**Contact Caleb Crossot, M.S., School Counselor (414)393-3627**

### **February is Black History Month**

Historian Carter G. Woodson launched Black History Week in 1926 to recognize the significant contributions of African Americans during the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and abolitionist/writer Frederick Douglass (February 14). Congress expanded it to National Black History Month 50 years later during the nation's bicentennial celebration at which time then-President Gerald Ford urged the country to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Parents are needed for the School Engagement Council and the District Advisory Council (DAC). Sign Up for the Parent Portal  
Contact Mr. Wright.

# Midwest Regional Chess Champions



Our k12 Open Championship Team took 1st place!

Jaedyn Xiong (top Morse individual trophy winner)-4 of 5 wins, Taz Thao (trophy winner) 4 of 5 wins Ryan Xiong (trophy winner) Ben Thao. They played so well that that had already won first place with their exceptional point total prior to the fifth and final round Shout out to: Trent Vang (3 match wins) Thomas Thao (3 match wins) Breon Whitehead, Nickell St Prix, McQuinn Coleman, Christopher Jones. On Sunday, both Morse teams won the WSCF online tournaments. U1000 team lead by Thomas Thao and Nickell St Prix. The Open Championship team led by Taz (1st place), the Thao, Jaedyn Xiong and Jared Jones.

The Morse Chess players entered the WSCF online Chess tournament on Sunday, Feb. 4th!  
u1000- 1st Place Team!

1st Place Individually went to 6th Grader Daisy Lor!!

Her teammates: Nickell St. Prix, Denasia Clifton, Jared Jones, Thomas Thao

Congratulations!!

Open Tournament

2nd Place with just Taz and Ben playing.

TazThao took first place and is now leading the WSCF division for the best year to date score!

Ben Thao 3rd Place.

## Sports Corner

Parents please be on time when picking students up during after school activities!

DATE	6th-7th Boys Basketball @ Milw.School of Language	7th-8th Boys Basketball @ Rufus King	Volleyball @ Wis. Conservatory of Lifelong Learning
2/10/2024	@ 9am	@ 11am	@10am
2/17/2024	@ 12pm	@ 12pm	@11am
3/02/2024	@ 12pm	@ 12pm	

## MORSE GIFTED AND TALENTED TRIVIA



The first 3 students to answer ALL of the questions correctly will receive a prize. You must email Mr. Wright at [wrightp2@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:wrightp2@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) with your correct answers.

**Question 1:** What is the largest internal organ in the human body?

**Question 2:** What is the longest and strongest bone in the human body?

**Question 3:** Who was the first Black artist to win a grammy?

**Question 4:** What is the next prime number after 11?