

Established in 1909, MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL is a private, coeducational home and school. The School offers a positive, structured home life and excellent education — free-of-cost — for eligible boys and girls from families in financial and social need. In addition, to be considered for enrollment, applicants must have the potential for academic achievement and demonstrate age-appropriate behavior.

Currently, we serve more than 1,800 boys and girls in grades pre-K through 12. MHS is funded by a trust established by chocolate industrialist Milton S. Hershey and his wife Catherine. The endowment supports the following services for enrolled students:

- All expenses, including meals, clothing, medical and dental care, and educational supplies
- Housing in a family-like setting with qualified houseparents
- Small class sizes (averaging 15 students per classroom)
- A wide variety of student activities, such as athletics, performing and visual arts, 4-H, scouting, and service clubs
- Vocational training opportunities and career planning for all students
- Scholarships to qualifying students who pursue postsecondary education (more than 90 percent of MHS graduates further their education)

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Do you know a child who might benefit from MHS? For more information, visit us online:



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MHS Community Connection

A Newsletter for Neighbors of Milton Hershey School®

Enjoy the Sounds of the Season at the MHS Holiday Concerts



Lunchtime Concerts • Dec 5-9

Monday

Senior Hall Guitar Ensemble, Elementary Choir, & Dance Students

Tuesday

Middle School Jazz Band, Handbells, & Piano Students

Wednesday

Middle School Band & Chorus

Thursday

Spartan Concert Band & New Horizons

Friday

Varsity Choir

Lunchtime Concert Series
Dec 5-9 • Noon
Founders Hall Rotunda

You'll find nothing more festive than Milton Hershey School's Founders Hall Rotunda decorated for the holidays. We hope you can join us December 5-9 for a week of concerts filled with holiday music and cheer. Each day will feature a different MHS vocal or instrumental group performing holiday favorites. Come in from the cold, grab a cup of cocoa and some cookies and join in the holiday fun.

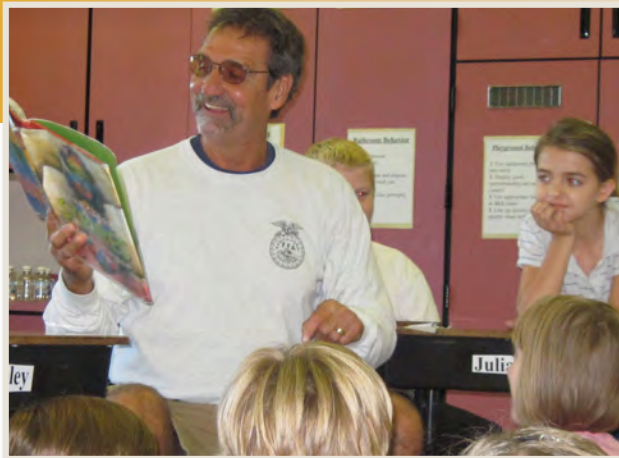
Senior Hall Holiday Concert
Sunday, Dec 11 • 1:00PM
Founders Hall Auditorium

The Senior Hall Holiday Concert will showcase the musical talents of MHS high school students. The program follows the School's Varsity Choir, vocal ensemble group New Horizons, and the Spartan Concert Band on a musical journey of traditional, sacred, and contemporary holiday classics. 🎵



Local Teacher Calls Milton Hershey School . . .

a Place of Miracles



Paul Kuhn reads to students at Windsor Manor Elementary School.

A believer in the power of positive reinforcement, Kuhn is an outspoken advocate for the opportunities MHS can provide for children from families in need.

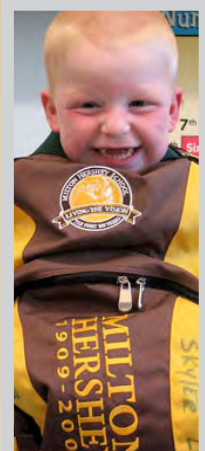
Paul Kuhn calls Milton Hershey School a place that performs "miracles."

A Red Lion High School social studies teacher for 38 years, Kuhn is also the elementary coordinator for "Project Stay in School," a program for at-risk children in the district.

"Sending a child to MHS is a difficult but loving decision for a parent," he says. He cites opportunities, such as the continuing education scholarship, the nurturing residential environment, first-class facilities and educational programs, and the traditional values and focus on character building among the School's greatest values. **"MHS teaches kids to be respectful and responsible,"** says Kuhn.

Of course, the most gratifying aspect of Kuhn's work in referring families to MHS is seeing the children succeed. He recalls his first referral, a first-grader who was struggling in the public education system. That child graduated from MHS and is now attending college.

"I ran into him at a track meet his senior year and was blown away by what he had become," Kuhn says. "I know so many children who I would love to see in the Milton Hershey School family." 🎵



SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT



In 1982, a 10-year-old girl named Gina Carlo made her way from Brooklyn, N.Y., to Milton Hershey School in rural Pennsylvania. By the time she graduated from the School in 1990, she was a Mid-Penn All-Star in field hockey and softball and was captain of her field hockey, basketball, gymnastics, and softball teams. If you followed Central Pennsylvania high school sports from 1987 through 1990, you may remember her name.

Nearly 30 years later, Coach Gina Allesie is still in Hershey, and is often seen around the Hershey community coaching a number of Hershey youth field hockey club

and travel teams, volunteering with the Keystone Games, and preparing and delivering meals to house-bound individuals through her church. You'll also see her on the local sports pages as the coach of the very successful MHS Lady Spartans Field Hockey team.

In 2000, she married Andy Allesie from Littlestown. They live in Hershey and are the proud parents of a daughter, Mackenzie, 10, and a son, Brady, 2.

According to Gina, the most important thing young Gina Carlo learned at MHS that helps her today as a coach and a mom is: "No matter how hard life hits you, you always have the opportunity to turn your circumstances around and make something positive of yourself." 🏆

Gina Allesie with daughter Mackenzie.

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