



# MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian:

I hope that you have enjoyed the winter break by spending time with friends and family. On behalf of the faculty and administration at Montgomery High School, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year. I am very excited about the beginning of a new calendar year and all the great things that lie ahead in 2012. The teachers are working diligently in their Collaborative Learning Teams (CLTs) to develop common assessments and share successful instructional strategies with each other. Yesterday, the MHS Band performed their annual Winter Concert in front of a packed house in the Montgomery Performing Arts Center. Our clubs and sports teams have been extremely active. Our athletes are nearing the midpoint of their seasons, Model U.N. completed their annual competition in Hershey and our Robotics team hosted the annual FIRST Robotics kickoff event. I am extremely excited about all of the work and efforts our teachers and students are doing on a daily basis. Their enthusiasm and dedication are fundamental in creating the best possible learning experiences for MHS students.

I am asking for help from parents who drop their children off at school in the morning. We have had several near accidents in the parking lot in the mornings. Our seniors and our faculty use the first two parking aisles to walk through in order to enter the school building. We are asking that all student drop-offs take place around the oval between the Board Office and the art wing of the high school. We will no longer be permitting through or drop-off traffic in those first two lanes of the parking lot. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

With the end of the second marking period approaching, I am attaching some information regarding midterm examinations and upcoming events. Please ensure that students arrive on time, well-rested and prepared for their exams. We recognize that this time of the year (midterms, college acceptances, start of college search process for juniors, and SAT/ACT testing) can be extremely stressful to students. Encourage your children to keep a balance between their academic endeavors, co-curricular activities and their Social & Emotional well-being.

Wishing you the best in 2012,

Paul J. Popadiuk

## MIDTERM EXAMINATIONS

Midterm examinations will be administered January 25, 26, 27, and 30. During each of the days set aside for midterms, the high school will run a **REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE**. There will **NOT** be any delayed openings as in past years. Please find a detailed exam schedule below.

### I. **Overview – MHS Midterm Examination Period**

#### Review Days for Midterm Examinations

1. The last class prior to a student's Midterm Exam will be used for review.
2. Students will not be assessed on their review day.
3. Students are encouraged to attend after-school help with their teachers prior to their exams. They should make arrangements with their teachers as needed.

#### January 25, 26, 27, and 30 (W, Th, F, M)

1. Two exams per day.
2. Testing periods will be 84 minutes in length.
3. Students' day will begin normally at 7:20 A.M. each day.
4. Students will report to all of their regularly scheduled classes each day. They will have their two exams during their regularly scheduled times.
5. There will be no testing in any class that is not conducting a Midterm Examination. Regular instruction will be given. No Homework will be assigned.
6. Unit Lunch served as normal.
7. **Midterm grades reflect 10% of the final grade for full-year courses and 20% of the final grade for semester courses.**

### II. **Wednesday, January 25 – Midterm Exams Day 1**

7:20 – 8:44	<b>Block A1 Exam</b>
8:53 – 10:17	<b>Block A2 Exam</b>
2:07	Regular School Dismissal

### III. **Thursday, January 26 – Midterm Exams Day 2**

7: 20 – 8:44	<b>Block B1 Exam</b>
8:53 – 10:17	<b>Block B2 Exam</b>
2:07	Regular School Dismissal

### IV. **Friday, January 27 – Midterm Exams Day 3**

11:15 – 12:39	<b>Block A3 Exam</b>
12:43 – 2:07	<b>Block A4 Exam</b>
2:07	Regular School Dismissal

### V. **Monday, January 30 – Midterm Exams Day4**

11:15 – 12:39	<b>Block B3 Exam</b>
12:43 – 2:07	<b>Block B4 Exam</b>
2:07	Regular School Dismissal

### VI. **Make-ups** can be arranged by contacting the teacher whose exam was missed.

**In the event that school is closed for inclement weather, upon return, the *examinations* and/or *review days* will resume as scheduled. If we have a snow day prior to the start of exams, we will move the exam schedule back one day.**

Example: If Day 2 exams are postponed on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, and school reopens on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, Day 2 exams will be administered on Friday. If we have a snow day at any point prior to exams, Day 1 exams will be administered on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

All school events can be located on our website. Please go to [www.mtsd.k12.nj.us](http://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us) then select Montgomery High School. The calendar is available under “Upcoming Events” on the left hand side of the screen. The calendar is updated weekly.