



Montgomery High School Counseling/Guidance News

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News



It's hard to believe that we are already at the mid-point of the year. Seniors are making post-graduation plans. Counselors will be meeting virtually with the juniors soon to discuss the college process. A presentation has been posted online for the sophomores about what lies ahead. Freshmen will be re-introduced to Naviance and the many applications it has for them during course selection. They can complete the Learning Styles Inventory (which many of them completed at UMS) on their own. It can provide useful information for their high school years and beyond. Please take some time to familiarize yourselves with Naviance, as it is a valuable tool for all grade levels.

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When do students schedule classes for next year and how do they choose their classes?

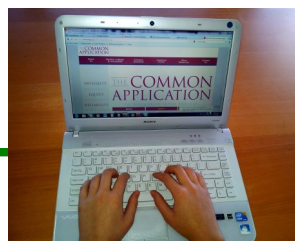
Counselors will begin to meet with students during the week of February 8th, beginning with the junior class and working in succession each week with the sophomores and freshmen. Please review the Program of Studies (available on the MHS Guidance Website:) [Program of Studies 2021-22](#). Please note that teachers and counselors will make scheduling recommendations based on established prerequisites and what is best for your child. If your child does not meet prerequisites for a course or is not recommended by their teacher and still wishes to take the course, they may fill out a waiver application. Waiver applications will be available from teachers only and must be submitted by May 1st to receive consideration. All final waiver decisions will be communicated by June 1st.

*We will be asking students currently in grades 9-11 to input their course requests in Genesis prior to meeting with their counselors. An email will go out very soon for current juniors. There will be a one week window for each grade level to input their requests.



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Juniors and their parents:

On February 1st at 1:07pm the counselors will provide a virtual presentation for all juniors and their parents to review the college search and application process. All of the information presented will be available on the MHS Counseling website after the actual presentation. Please remember that one of the most important tools for this process is Naviance.

Please access the presentation on the [Counseling/Guidance website](#).



Reminder for Seniors:

If schools to which you have applied have requested mid-year grades, please complete your counselor's mid-year grade request Google form. It was emailed to you earlier this month by your counselor. Make sure to follow all directions.

Don't forget to fill out the graduation survey!

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Upcoming Events:

January 26th: 2nd semester begins.
February 1-5: National School Counseling Week. Thank a school counselor for all that they do for our students.
February 3rd: Grades for semester 1 will be viewable on Parent Resources.
February 4th: Blueprint Mental Health presents: [Parenting in the New Not So Normal](#) 7pm Facebook.com/BlueprintMentalHealth
February: Throughout February we will begin course selection for next year, beginning with the junior class and ending with the rising 9th graders the second week of March.

Scholarships:

Scholarship opportunities offered through the PTSA, SEPTA and United Scholarships are posted on the Counseling/Guidance website. The deadline for these applications is March 17th. So, don't delay. Watch the morning announcements for more information. Seniors, there are many available; you should apply for all scholarships for which you are eligible.

Parents: The most challenging part about scholarships is that they often require students to write an essay. *Please encourage your children to take the time to write these essays. It could be well worth their effort!*

It's FAFSA Time!

The FAFSA is used to apply for federal financial aid; however, many colleges, universities and career schools use your FAFSA information to award state and college aid. The process is free. **Never pay to apply for federal financial aid.**

You will need an FSA ID to "sign" your online FAFSA and make corrections to the application. You can get your FSA ID before you begin or as you complete the FAFSA. Be sure you meet application deadlines. For deadlines as well as additional FAFSA information, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
 OR you may call 1-800-FED-AID
 For the 2019-20 school year you will need financial information from 2019.

We are excited to continue our summer programs under the umbrella of SOAR: Montgomery's K-12 summer programs which include our credit courses for high school students. We will once again offer **classes both for credit and for enrichment** in the summer of 2021.

The full, five-credit, classes which will be offered are Geometry and Algebra II. The half, 2.5 credit, class which will be offered is Financial Literacy,

Please watch for additional information from the SOAR program that will be available soon.

Registration for these classes will begin in late winter and run through Memorial Day. Any questions can be directed to Monica Clewell, SOAR Supervisor, or Keith Glock, 7-12 SOAR Coordinator at soar@mtsd.us

SAC Corner: The latest happenings from our SAC, Christine Grossmann

In the Community:

Somerset County Hope and Healing, offered through Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center, provides confidential, anonymous and free emotional support services to Somerset County residents and area employees.

If you have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and need emotional support, they can help. Are you looking for connections to community resources for you and your family? English and Spanish speaking counselors are here to help!
CONFIDENTIAL ** ANONYMOUS ** FREE
 908-231-6414 HOPE AND HEALING HELPLINE
 8:00A.M. – 8:00P.M., 7 DAYS A WEEK



The People Project invites you to join the next addition of their Speaker Series on the practice of Mindfulness. For more information, follow our Instagram: [#mhspeopleproject](#)

2020-2021 Members

Neil Avant	Bobby Battle
Zachary Feola	Rahul James
Alex Levy	Sejal Molakaseema
Awakhiwe Ndlovu	Noa Ran Ressler
Anya Sharma	Diya Sethi
Prabhav Somraj	Sophie Wang
Syeda Zaina Tirmizi	

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Christine Grossmann, SAC @ cgrossmann@mtsd.us

Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.

~Rosa Parks

Municipal Alliance News:

Coming soon!
 Join us in "Fresh Start February," a motivational and informational daily calendar with activities designed to improve your day by offering ways to decrease feelings of stress and anxiety and also to improve your overall well-being by building positive coping skills. Look for more information at the launch on Monday! Check it out on Facebook @municipalalliance.

