



MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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Parents/Guardians of 8th Graders:

Over the next few months some important activities will be taking place as our “mission transition” from middle school to high school begins. To help guide you through this transition, and make you aware of other significant events, here is a brief timeline for your reference:

February 27th - Course placement will be completed for all subject areas and entered into the Genesis student information system. At that point, the course recommendations will be viewable online via the Parent Portal. You will be able to view the placements for core courses and discuss them with your child.

March 6th - MHS will host a PARENT ORIENTATION program at 7:00 pm in the **High School Auditorium (MPAC)** to review the MHS Program of Studies. This presentation is conducted by the Director of Student Academic and Counseling Services, Mrs. Gaylord, along with High School Supervisors for each curriculum department. Please mark your calendar for this important first orientation program.

March 6th – All 8th-grade students will attend an assembly also led by Mrs. Gaylord. At this time, they will receive the MHS Program of Studies and be able to review the course offerings and course selection process. This information is also available via the High School website under the Counseling/Guidance Department.

Week of March 13th - 8th grade students will meet with their respective MHS counselors at UMS in our media center to individually review their specific course recommendations and requests. If there are any questions or discrepancies, the MHS counselors will note these and follow-up with students and parents as needed to complete the initial course assignments for 9th grade. Information about placement in advanced level courses can be found on the specific department webpages and the MHS Program of Studies.

April 19th - MHS will host a “Welcome to High School” program for PARENTS of rising 9th graders. This presentation includes information about the counseling department, the Peer Leader program, and other areas to support students as they enter the high school.

May 8th - Students who choose to complete a waiver application must submit it to the appropriate UMS content teacher by May 8th. Information about placement in advanced level courses can be found on the specific department webpages and the MHS Program of Studies. MHS will inform parents of waiver decisions by June 2nd.

Students considering attendance at **Somerset County Vocational-Technical High School** (SCVTHS) or at a private/parochial high school outside of Montgomery will proceed through this process for MHS until such time as a formal acceptance notice and request for transfer of records by the out-of-district high school is received. The UMS guidance office can assist parents and students interested in attending other high schools including SCVTHS.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s counselor at UMS for any questions or assistance throughout this transition: Mrs. Allison Doyle-Smith adoylesmith@mtsd.us
The UMS and MHS guidance departments will be working very closely together to ensure a smooth transition for all 8th graders and their parents.

Additional dates worth noting:

PARCC testing - May 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, & 11th

PARCC make-ups - May 12th, 15th, & 16th

NJASK8 Science - May 31st

NJASK8 Science make-ups - June 7th

8th Grade Semi-Formal - June 2nd at 7pm

Frogbridge Trip - June 16th

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony - June 20th at 6pm

Don’t worry! They will be prepared for high school! So will you!

Confidently,

Cory Delgado