

# Meet the MHS Case Managers



# High School Special Services

- ❖ **Kristen Taylor** - Director of Special Services
- ❖ **Daryl Schwenck** - High School Supervisor
- ❖ **Renee Colangelo** - School Psychologist
- ❖ **Karen Krusen** - School Social Worker
- ❖ **Viveka Mandhyan** - School Psychologist
- ❖ **Megan Mastil** - Transition Coordinator/School Psychologist
- ❖ **Ellen Stein** - School Social Worker
- ❖ **Kristen Wawrzyniak** - Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
- ❖ **Danielle Olney** - Speech Therapist
- ❖ **Leslie Alexander** - Secretary



# Transition to High School

- ❖ More choices in electives, clubs, use of free time, etc. and opportunities to try new things
- ❖ Changes in friendships
- ❖ Managing time between academics and extracurriculars
- ❖ More freedom and the expectation of accountability for one's behavior

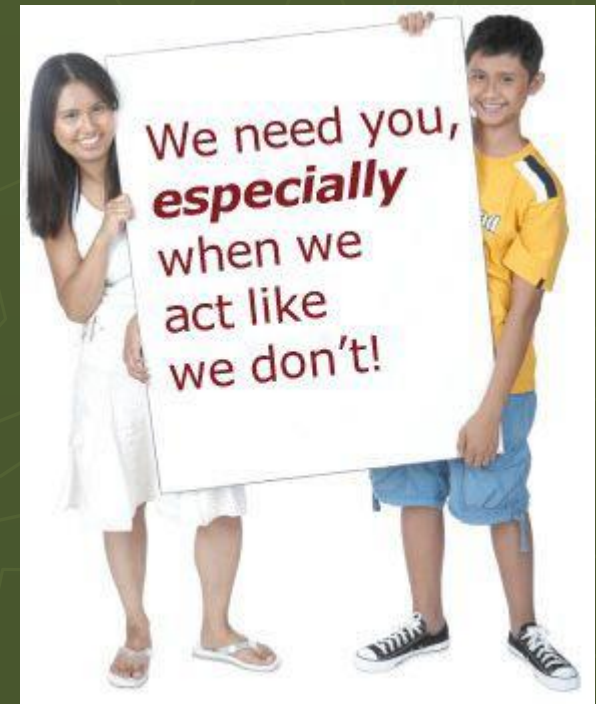


# Role of the Case Manager

The case manager shall coordinate the development, monitoring, and evaluation of the effectiveness of the IEP. The case manager shall facilitate communication between home and school and shall coordinate the annual review and reevaluation process.

# Parental Involvement

- ❖ Maintain a balance between providing support and allowing independence
- ❖ Ability to allow your child to take risks, make mistakes, and grow
- ❖ Start handing the reins of communication with teachers, support staff, etc. to your child
- ❖ Model advocacy for your child- help them learn what they need, why they need it, and how to speak up for their needs



# We are here .....

Your child is important to us and we are available for them throughout the school year

If you notice something please let us know

We will be in touch with you if there is a concern about your child

Our speciality is your child's IEP and we will help connect you to additional resources if necessary.

# Student Expectations

- ❖ Balance between accountability and support
- ❖ Advocacy
- ❖ Participation in IEP meetings



# Things to Know about MHS

- ❖ Study Hall
- ❖ Counseling, Speech and other Appointments
- ❖ Parent and Student Concerns
- ❖ IEP Meetings
  - Annual Review
  - Re-evaluation Planning Meeting
  - Eligibility Meeting
  - Students will be invited. At 14 years old, they should be participating.
  - Date and time of meeting agreed upon collaboratively





# Important Notes

Every student has a school counselor and case manager. It is important to establish a relationship with both.

Students need to meet with their school counselor and select their electives.

Information is released for these appointments in 2nd semester by the guidance department.

# Continuum of Programs

1. General Education
2. In-class Replacement (General Education and Special Education Teacher)
3. Pull out Replacement
4. LLD Mild/Moderate
5. LLD Severe

# How to Reach the CST

- ❖ **Most CST members are located in the Guidance/CST Suite**
- ❖ **Ms. Mastil is located in the "Skybox"**
- ❖ **Email is the most efficient way to reach us ([firstname.lastname@mtsd.us](mailto:firstname.lastname@mtsd.us))**
- ❖ **Ms. Alexander can be reached at extension 6179**
- ❖ **Students can make appointments directly through email or can stop in during lunch, study hall, or with teacher permission**



# Additional Supports

After school help Tuesday - Thursday  
2:30-3:30

Email your teacher for extra help.

National Honor Society Peer Tutoring



# MSEPTA

## Montgomery Special Education PTA (MSEPTA)

The Montgomery Special Education PTA (MSEPTA) is a district-wide organization designed to build strong partnerships amongst teachers, parents, administration, existing 3<sup>rd</sup> and the community so that children receiving special education services of any kind will be better understood, integrated and embraced by our school and community. We fundraise throughout the year to support Special Education Teacher Grants and Scholarships for

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You can contact us at [montysepta@gmail.com](mailto:montysepta@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas!

# Thank You for Joining Us



# Have a Wonderful School Year!