



# MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The faculty and administration at Montgomery High School hope that the opening of school has gone smoothly for your sons and daughters. Our new schedule with multiple lunches and a later start time, while not optimal compared to a regular school day, has been running extremely well. Both teachers and students have shared positive feedback regarding the start of the school year. I am excited and happy to see students in the classrooms and hallways, getting another step closer to normalcy.

This will be my last back to school newsletter. After 28 years in education, I will be retiring at the end of December. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 25 years here, serving the Montgomery High School community. I will be starting the next chapter of my life as the Chief Compliance Officer of the NJSIAA, the governing body of all high school sports. I will miss all of the good people here in Montgomery, a place that I have proudly called my second home. I will continue to work diligently through December to ensure a smooth transition for the next principal. I will send out a final letter at that time with appropriate thanks and good-byes.

You are cordially invited to attend Montgomery High School's **Back-to-School Night** on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. This year's event will be conducted virtually, and classroom meetings will be conducted via Zoom or Google Meet, depending on teacher preference. Please print out a copy of your child's schedule prior to the start of the program. You can view and print your child's schedule by logging into the *Parent Access* portal via the district website. If you are having difficulty logging in, please ask your children for help navigating the process. In order to access your child's classes, you will need to log into the link for the Meet or Zoom that each teacher will send out, via Google Classroom, by the end of the day on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The evening will begin with a brief video announcement in your child's block A1 class. Please ask your child to give you the links, or log into your child's Google Classroom as your child. Once you have the links, **you must log into the teacher's Meet/Zoom using your child's school email credentials** (StudentFirstName.StudentLastName@mtsstudent.us). No one will be permitted to enter a teacher's Meet/Zoom from an outside account. This will help keep our meetings safe and secure, as well as enable teachers to recognize the parents in the meeting.

After the opening announcements, you will follow an abbreviated schedule of your child's classes where teachers will explain the content of each course, requirements, and student performance expectations. After block A1, you will proceed to A2, followed by A3, A4, B1, B2, B3, and B4 (see below). We look forward to seeing you, virtually, on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Announcements</b>	<b>7:00 - 7:10</b>
<b>Block A1</b>	<b>7:12 - 7:22</b>
<b>Block A2</b>	<b>7:24 - 7:34</b>
<b>Block A3</b>	<b>7:36 - 7:46</b>
<b>Block A4</b>	<b>7:48 - 7:58</b>
<b>Block B1</b>	<b>8:00 - 8:10</b>
<b>Block B2</b>	<b>8:12 - 8:22</b>
<b>Block B3</b>	<b>8:24 - 8:34</b>
<b>Block B4</b>	<b>8:36 - 8:46</b>

Please take the time to review the remainder of this newsletter for important PTSA news and recruiting information.

Respectfully,

Paul J. Popadiuk  
Principal

### **PTSA News**

The MHS PTSA is an active group doing many things that benefit all of our children. Not only do they count on your financial support throughout the year, but your time and good will is equally important. We invite you to make a difference and become a member of the MHS PTSA. Membership fees support so many projects throughout the year: *Teacher Grants and Student Grants for special projects; MHS Beautification Projects; Senior Scholarships; Cougar Recognition/Honor Roll; Evening Parent Programs; Hospitality for Freshmen Orientation, Graduation & more; Staff Appreciation Awards & Student Appreciation (i.e.: Student Ice Cream Day); State & National PTA dues (\$4.00 per member); and much more.* The MHS PTSA works at the school level for all of our children. They are supported by the PTA County Council, New Jersey State PTA and the National PTA.

**PTSA Membership dollars are our main source of funding for our many PTSA events. Please consider becoming a member.** [Click here to access the PTSA Membership Form or to donate on-line \(https://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us/Page/10142\).](https://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us/Page/10142) If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sharon Howard at [Showardptsa@gmail.com](mailto:Showardptsa@gmail.com)

**Please review the attached letter on the next page regarding the release of information to recruiters.**

**Parental Objection to Release of Student Information to Military Recruiters,  
College/University Recruiters or Prospective Employers**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Under the federal "No Child Left Behind" Act, public high schools must give the names, addresses and telephone numbers of students to military recruiters, college/university recruiters, and prospective employers if the recruiters request the information (P.L. 107-110, Section 9528; 10 USC 503). However, students or their parents have the right to instruct the school in writing that this information is not to be released.

If you do not consent to the release of this information to 1) military recruiters, 2) colleges/university recruiters, and/or 3) prospective employers, please check the appropriate box or boxes below. To be certain your wishes are respected, return this form to the MHS Guidance Office by **Friday, October 1**, although signed forms returned after that date will be effective after receipt by the Guidance Department:

- DO NOT release student contact information to Military Recruiters.
  
- DO NOT release student contact information to College/University Recruiters.
  
- DO NOT release student contact information to prospective employers.

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Montgomery High School

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Signature of Student or Parent\*\*\*

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Date of Signature

\*\*\*Students have the right to request that their contact information not be released to recruiters. Parents can override a child's decision by notifying the school in writing, only if the student is under age 18. We encourage parents and students to discuss this information.