



# 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 been both exciting and enjoyable for your sons and daughters. Our block schedule and unit lunch have been running extremely well. Both teachers and students have shared positive feedback regarding the start of the school year. I have enjoyed watching the students smiling and socializing with their peers both inside and outdoors during the unit lunch. This warm, relaxing environment fits in nicely with our social and emotional learning initiative.

You are cordially invited to attend Montgomery High School's **Back-to-School Night** on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. **In order to alleviate potential parking problems at the high school, we will be offering a shuttle service from the Upper Middle School to accommodate all of our parents and guardians who will be attending the program.** This service will begin at 6:15 P.M.

The evening will begin with a brief video announcement in your child's block A1 class. **Please bring a copy of your child's schedule with you that evening. You can view and print your child's schedule by logging on to *Parent Resources* via the district website. Counselors will be available in the Media Center to assist those parents who could not print their schedule.** We will have students and staff positioned throughout the hallways assisting our parents in finding their way to their child's classrooms. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early since our program will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M.

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). All Health and Physical Education classes will report to the main gymnasium. The administration and staff look forward to seeing you on September 16th.

<b>Announcements</b>	<b>7:00 - 7:10</b>
<b>Block A1</b>	<b>7:10 - 7:19</b>
<b>Block A2</b>	<b>7:24 - 7:33</b>
<b>Block A3</b>	<b>7:38 - 7:47</b>
<b>Block A4</b>	<b>7:52 - 8:01</b>
<b>Block B1</b>	<b>8:06 - 8:15</b>
<b>Block B2</b>	<b>8:20 - 8:29</b>
<b>Block B3</b>	<b>8:34 - 8:43</b>
<b>Block B4</b>	<b>8:48 - 8:57</b>

Please take the time to review the remainder of this newsletter for important events and information.

Respectfully,

Paul J. Popadiuk  
Principal

## SAT, PSAT, ACT and AP Information

**MHS Advanced Placement Scores** remain high. We are extremely proud of the results our students obtained on the 2019 Advanced Placement exams. We had 547 students take 1386 exams. AP Exams are scored in the range of 1 to 5 with a 3 or better considered for college credit at participating colleges and universities. Ninety-two percent (92%) of MHS scores were 3 or higher, and forty-eight percent (48%) of the students taking the exams received a score of 5.

**Free SAT Verbal & Math Review** for our juniors and seniors. September signals the beginning of preparations for the SAT and PSAT. We are once again offering after-school SAT Prep Courses every Tuesday and Thursday 2:30 – 3:45 P.M. in room B1127 (verbal) and B2232 (math). The courses will be open to juniors and seniors and there will be no charge for taking the courses. October is the most popular fall test date for seniors. As always, test registration materials are available in the Guidance Office and on the web at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

This year's **PSAT** will be administered on Saturday, October 19. The new PSAT will include an evidence-based reading and writing section and a math section. The evidence-based reading and writing section is composed of two segments, both of which are multiple choice and are based on passages in the test. The writing section includes deliberate errors and asks the student to improve grammatically what is written in the passage. The math section includes both multiple choice and grid-ins, which ask you to come up with the answer. There are two parts to the math section, a calculator and math test and a section where no calculator is permitted.

### 2019-2020 SAT/SAT II DATES

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Tests</u>	<u>Postmark Date</u>
Oct. 5	SAT I/SAT II	Sept. 6
Nov. 2	SAT I/SAT II	Oct. 3
Dec. 7	SAT I/SAT II	Nov. 8
Mar. 14	SAT I only	Feb. 14
May 2	SAT I/SAT II	April 3
June 6	SAT I/SAT II	May 8

### 2018-2019 ACT DATES

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Tests</u>	<u>Postmark Date</u>
Oct. 26	ACT	Sept. 20
Dec. 14	ACT	Nov. 8
Feb. 8	ACT	Jan. 10
Apr. 4	ACT	Feb. 28
June 13	ACT	May 8

## Naviance

Would you like to know more about *Naviance* and what it offers for high school students and their families? Did you know that *Naviance* can be a valuable tool for finding out more about learning styles and career planning in addition to how it can be utilized for the college search process? If you would like to find out how to maximize the tools that *Naviance* has to offer, you are invited to attend one of two 20-minute information sessions that will take place in the Lecture Hall to the left of the MPAC on Back to School Night. The first session will begin at 6pm; the second session will begin at 6:25pm. Parents of all grade levels are welcome!

## 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 [ptsa@mhs-ptsa.com](mailto:ptsa@mhs-ptsa.com).

### **Freshman Parent Boot Camp**

The PTSA invites you to attend "Freshmen Parent Boot Camp". Join us in the MPAC at 6 pm on September 16<sup>th</sup> (prior to Back to School Night) for a crash course in how you (and your child) can survive high school! Experienced parents will offer helpful tips, useful resources, and answers to your questions. If you have specific questions, please email us in advance at [ptsa@mhs-ptsa.com](mailto:ptsa@mhs-ptsa.com) so we can do our best to address them. **Although this presentation is targeted to freshmen parents, ALL parents are welcome!**

### **Meet The Case Mangers**

The Montgomery High School Child Study Team would like to cordially invite you to join them on Back to School Night for a brief meet and greet opportunity. Meet our team in person and hear information specific to the special education program at MHS. This session is open to parents of special education students from all grade levels. Parents of freshmen are encouraged to attend. Choose One of Two Sessions: 6:00-6:30 or 6:30-7:00 in room A1134 (MHS Choir Room).

### **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 right hand side of the screen. The calendar is updated weekly.

**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 5**, 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.