

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING & COLLEGE & CAREER NAVIGATION NEWS BULLETIN

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/northwesths/ • Counseling and College Career links are on the Navigation Bar



COUNSELING OFFICE: (240) 740-7080

COLLEGE & CAREER NAVIGATION
CENTER: (240) 740-7076

REGISTRAR: (240) 740-7095

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT STAFF & COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

MS. KELLY COOPER, RESOURCE COUNSELOR



Ms. BUNTING	A – BEN
Ms. McCARTHY-REDD	BEO – DAI
Ms. KRAVITZ	DAJ – GIRA
Ms. BLANCO	GIRB – JON
Ms. COIS	JOO – MAM
Mr. FREEMAN	MAN – NZ

Ms. COOPER	O – PET
Ms. TANENBAUM	PEU – SCIP
Ms. KIM	SCIQ – VOS
TBD	VOT – Z

COUNSELING SUPPORT STAFF

SECRETARY: MS. ANGELICA AGOSTO

REGISTRAR: MS. JACKIE SCHOLL

COLLEGE & CAREER NAVIGATOR: MS. LISA MILLER

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR/SECRETARY: MS. ANU SCHIVACHARAN

The 2025-2026 school year will begin on **August 26, 2025**. We are looking forward to a successful year for your son/daughter at Northwest High School. This news bulletin contains important information to make this an outstanding academic year for your child.



SCHEDULES will be distributed to students through homeroom on August 26, 2025.

Homeroom will begin promptly at **7:45 a.m.** Homeroom assignment lists will be posted in all hallways. Students are encouraged to arrive by **7:30 a.m.** in order to find their homeroom assignment. All students are expected to attend homeroom in order to receive their schedule.

Students who have attended summer school and passed their class should call their counselor immediately to change their schedule to reflect the summer school credit received.

The counselors have worked hard to reconcile any conflicts that have occurred in your student's schedules. Wherever possible, the alternative class your child selected during the registration process replaced the class in conflict. If it was not possible to fit in their alternative choice, another class from the same discipline was used to replace the class in conflict.

Schedule Changes will be minimized when the school year begins. We will focus only on the following three reasons:

1. The student is missing a period in schedule.
2. The student is in the wrong level class.
3. A senior needs a course for graduation

If you have any concerns regarding your child's schedule, please contact your child's counselor so the schedule can be reviewed prior to the opening of school. We are looking forward to a great school year.



The goal of the Northwest High School Plus extended day program is to ensure that students pass courses required for graduation. This program is only for students who have failed a course that is required for graduation. Students most in need of High School Plus are identified through end-of-course grades and input from school counselors. Students who would benefit from this program are encouraged to take advantage of this free opportunity to earn credit.

COLLEGE CAREER TESTING & REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

All seniors should research their colleges testing admission requirements and plan to take the ACT or SAT in the fall of their senior year.

ALL TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING SITES:

Testing

SAT Registration: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

ACT Registration: www.act.org

ACT September Test Date Registration Information:

The **late registration** deadline for the **September 6 ACT** is **August 19** (the next test option is October 18)

SAT September & October Test Date Registration Information:

The **registration** deadline for the **September 13 SAT** is **August 29**. The **registration** deadline for the **October 4 SAT** is **September 19**.

ACCUPLACER testing is currently only available at the high school level for students planning to participate in the **Montgomery College Early College or Dual Enrollment programs** (or for seniors planning to attend Montgomery College). Seniors who are not able to take the Accuplacer at Northwest High School should review the Montgomery College Guided Placement information available @ www.montgomerycollege.edu. Search 'Guided Placement'. Accuplacer and Guided Placement are tools used to determine college level course placement.

Interested sophomores, juniors and seniors may have the opportunity to take the **ASVAB** at their high school during the 2025-2026 school year. Students must have parent permission to take the ASVAB. Information on registration and test dates will be announced and emailed to students and parents as soon as it is available. The ASVAB is a great career exploration tool, offered at no cost to students and at no obligation to the military.



SENIORS AND THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS: Counselors will be presenting information to seniors at the beginning of the school year on how to apply to college at Northwest. Each senior will receive materials needed to assist him or her with this process. **The 2025-2026 Senior Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Northwest High School auditorium.** No RSVP is required.



NAVIANCE | STUDENT: Northwest seniors and parents should be registered! NAVIANCE | STUDENT registration and use will be required for the senior year college application process. Visit the College Career Information Center or see one of our counselors to have accounts set up or request a reset of account credentials.



HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE CAREER VISITS: Representatives from colleges and universities reach out to Northwest High School every year to connect with students and share information about their campuses. Sessions can be virtual or in-person. Learn more in the new College & Career Navigation Center. These are excellent opportunities to learn more about schools. Students should do their research to make the information session more meaningful.



FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS: Northwest High School's 2025 graduates received **millions of dollars** in scholarship offers. Scholarships are available from colleges and from a variety of individuals and organizations. Seniors should be aware of scholarship opportunities as well as check financial aid information for each college to which they plan to apply. Scholarship criteria will vary for each opportunity.

