



NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING & COLLEGE CAREER INFORMATION CENTER NEWS BULLETIN

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The 2018-2019 school year will begin on **September 4, 2018**. 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 September 4, 2018. 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 HIGH SCHOOL PLUS Program: High School Plus extended day program **allows students who have failed courses required for graduation** to retake these courses for credit at Northwest after school. The classes are limited and run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm to 4:10 pm, and activity buses are provided.

The goal of the Northwest High School Plus extended day program is to: Ensure that students pass courses required for graduation and pass the Maryland High School Assessments.

Remember, this program is only for students who have failed a course. Students most in need of High School Plus are identified through end-of-course grades and input from guidance counselors. Students who would benefit from this program are encouraged to take advantage of this convenient way to earn credit. **It's FREE!**

COLLEGE CAREER TESTING & REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

All seniors should plan to take the ACT or SAT in the fall of their senior year.

Register by **September 28** for the **October 27 ACT***

Register by **September 7** for the **October 6 SAT**

All test dates and registration can be found on the following sites:

SAT Registration: www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat

ACT Registration: www.act.org

** The late registration deadline for the September 8 ACT is August 26.*

Accuplacer testing information (for seniors planning to attend Montgomery College) is available @ www.montgomerycollege.edu. Search 'Accuplacer'.

The **ASVAB** will be given to interested sophomores, juniors and seniors on **February 1, 2019** at 7:45 am in the College Career Information Center. Student must have parent permission to take the ASVAB. Permission forms will be available before winter break on our College Career web page (under 'Quick Links' → 'College & Career Exploration Programs'). 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 them with this process. Additionally, Counselors will be facilitating 2 evening meetings to help parents and students navigate their way to graduation and beyond. These meetings will be held in the Northwest High School Auditorium on August 22nd and September 24th beginning at 7:00. No RSVP is required.

COLLEGE FAIRS (SEE YOUR COUNSELOR OR VISIT THE COLLEGE/CAREER INFO CENTER FOR COLLEGE FAIR DETAILS):

The **National Hispanic College Fair** is a highly anticipated event in the fall for seniors and parents. The event will be held at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg, Maryland on **November 8**. Northwest will participate in a field trip during the school day with bus transportation provided at no cost to the student. Permission forms will be available for interested seniors in the College/Career Information Center.

The **Montgomery County College Fair** will be held on **April 1 & 2** at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center. Details on the NW field trip will be available after winter break. The fair will open to current juniors and parents.

NAVIANCE | STUDENT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FAMILY CONNECTION): All Northwest students and parents should be registered! To preview some of the **NAVIANCE | STUDENT** features and resources, visit as our guest by using this web address @ <http://connection.naviance.com/northwest/>. **NAVIANCE | STUDENT** registration and use is required for the senior year college application process. Registration and password reset requests can be made through the College Career Information Center or with your counselor.

HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE/CAREER VISITS: Representatives from over 100 colleges and universities visit Northwest High School to speak to students. Information about these visits will be publicized on JAG TV. Visits are available for viewing in **NAVIANCE | STUDENT** and the online College Career Jag Events calendar. Students can sign up for each visit online thru their **NAVIANCE | STUDENT** account. Select the link to 'view all upcoming visits', click on the 'sign up' link in front of the visit of interest and follow the on-screen instructions to register. These are excellent opportunities to learn more about schools. Students should research each school before meeting with the representative to make the information session more meaningful.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS: Northwest High School's 2018 graduates were awarded over **eighteen million dollars** in scholarship money. The class of 2019 can meet and exceed this amount! Scholarships are available from colleges and from a variety of individuals and organizations. Students should check for scholarships on the College Career web page and pay close attention to the JAG TV morning announcements. 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. Seniors and parents registered with **NAVIANCE | STUDENT** will have scholarship information emailed to them. **The NWHS Financial Aid Seminar is scheduled for October 2, 6:30 pm in the auditorium. The seminar will be presented in both English and Spanish.**

ON THE WEB: Visit: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/northwesths/.
Counseling and **College Career** links are on the navigation bar.

