9th Grade Parent Information Night

October 8, 2018

“Connecting for Success in the 21st Century”
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By the end of tonight’s meeting, we will have:

• Heard information about how to get involved in NWHS parent organizations.
• Reviewed information that is helpful for monitoring student progress.
• Heard information about the counseling department and Naviance as a future planning tool.
• Reviewed the available program and tutoring opportunities here at Northwest.
• Heard information about the Media Center and how to get connected with Northwest staff and programs.
• Learned about the Practice PSAT and how to help students get ready.
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Graduation Requirements

Unlike middle school, if a student does not pass a class, they will need to retake it, or take a comparable class in order to earn credit.

Advance to 10th Grade
5 Total Credits
Including 1 Math and 1 English

Advance to 11th Grade
10 Total Credits
Including 2 Math and 2 English, 1 Science, and 1 Social Studies

Advance to 12th Grade
15 Total Credits
Including 3 Math and 3 English, 2 Science, and 2 Social Studies

22 CREDIT
75 SSL HOURS
Calculating Grade Point Average (GPA) and Academic Eligibility

• GPAs are used to determine eligibility. Students must be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

• Eligibility is monitored by Marking Period Quarters (2.0 and no more than 1 E).

• Semester grades are used to calculate a student’s cumulative GPA.

• Semester grades are the only grades that appear on a transcript.

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<td>D</td>
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<td>E</td>
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To calculate GPA, add up the points earned for each letter grade and divide the number by the total number of courses taken during the semester.

     4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 0 + 0 = (20/7) = 2.85
MCPS Semester Grade Trends

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There are two Marking Periods each semester. MP1 and MP2 generate the first semester grade. MP3 and MP4 generate the grade for second semester.
Counseling Services

NWHS Counselors
Mr. Flach
Ms. McCarthy-Redd
Ms. Kravitz
Ms. Blanco
Ms. Cois
Mr. Freeman
Ms. Buck
Ms. Kim
Mr. Stewart
Ms. Edmunds
Students can see their counselors before school, during lunch, and after school as a walk-in, or by scheduled appointments. Counselors can help students with college and career planning, with the rigors and challenges of being in high school, and provide personal and emotional support when needed. Counselors are here to support students and their families.
## Counseling Assignments Grades 9 - 11

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<td>Ms. Tamela McCarthy-Redd</td>
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Counseling Services

Academic Planning & Support for students:
• Provide advisement regarding course selection
• Problem solve through academic challenges
• Link students with tutoring opportunities
• Coordinate team meetings and parent teacher conferences
• Provide referrals to community resources
Counseling Services
College & Career Planning for students:

- Classroom lessons featuring Naviance
- Individual support and guidance to assist in post-secondary planning
Naviance & Family Connection

• http://connection.naviance.com/northwest
• login: 6 digit student ID
• password: 6 digit student ID
• Goal Setting
• Interest Searches
• College & Career Planning
Practice PSAT Day!
Wednesday, October 24, 2018

- 9th Grade students will complete the PSAT 8/9.
- 10th and 11th Grade students will take the PSAT.
- The cost for the PSAT 8/9 is $11.00.
- Payment may be made online, or students can pay during lunch at the stadium ticket booth.
- Attendance in school on the 24th is mandatory.
How to prepare for testing

www.khanacademy.com

- Khan Academy is a FREE college test preparation resource.
- It is aligned to the SAT.
- And it’s directly linked to College Board and Common Core State Standards.
- It provides individualized student practice.
- Students can set up a personalized account.
#JagPride

*Getting involved contributes to a student’s overall well being and identity.*

- Extracurricular Clubs/Activities
- Northwest Ambassadors
- Honor Societies

- Athletics
  - Ms. Anne Rossiter
  - Athletic Director
  - Anne_M_Rossiter@mcpsmd.org
Class of 2022

Class Sponsors:
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Kathryn McKenna
Kathryn_McKenna@mcpsmd.org

Follow us on Twitter at
@NWHS2022
Homecoming Hallway!

Decorating for Homecoming, attending the game and the dance are upcoming festivities where freshmen can have fun and enjoy being a part of the Northwest High School community.
Scholar Programs

World Language Scholars
Open to students with a strong interest in becoming fluent in world languages and who have an interest in international business, politics, travel, and hospitality careers.

Advanced Curriculum for Excellence in Science (ACES)
Challenging course of study in the science disciplines that combine comprehensive honors level and rigorous Advanced Placement (AP®) level course work. Provides students with a broad background in all the scientific disciplines.
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<td>American Sign Language Honor Society</td>
<td>Michelle Lapp</td>
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<td>French Honor Society</td>
<td>Melissa Peroutseas / Kate McKenna</td>
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<td>National Art Honor Society</td>
<td>Kristina Stevens / Lorrie Moten</td>
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<td>Math Honor Society</td>
<td>Rachel Krott / Ellen Toy</td>
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<td>Music Honor Society (Tri-M)</td>
<td>Stephanie Baker</td>
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<td>National Honor Society</td>
<td>Brooks Randolph / Odessa Zabala</td>
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<td>Science Honor Society</td>
<td>Ben Pilgrim / Sinuhe Gutierrez</td>
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<td>Social Studies Honor Society</td>
<td>Lori Roth</td>
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<td>Spanish National Honor Society</td>
<td>Sofia Vega-Ormeno</td>
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<td>Minority Scholars Program</td>
<td>Daima Cook / Jeremy McClary</td>
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<td>National English Honor Society</td>
<td>Linda Johnson</td>
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<td>Thespian Honor Society</td>
<td>Sherion Cosby</td>
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<td>Quill &amp; Scroll—Journalism Honor Society</td>
<td>Lilly Greenlee</td>
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Tutoring Resources

- National Honor Society
- Math Honor Society
- Minority Scholars
- Science Honor Society
- Social Studies Honor Society
- French and Spanish Honor Societies
- George B. Thomas Saturday School
NWHS Academies

Academy of Biotechnology

*Provides students with opportunities to apply the concepts of biochemistry, genetics, and molecular biology to research activities*

Academy of Fine Arts

*Serves as excellent preparation for either a career or college level education in fine art*

National Academy of Finance

*Prepares students for post-secondary education in finance-related majors as well as other courses of study that demand a strong academic foundation in math, social studies, and writing*
How Can You Help Your Child Succeed?

- Continuously monitor grades online.
- Make sure you are monitoring assignments at home.
- Look at your child’s agenda book.
- Encourage your child to speak to teachers.
- Contact the teacher directly. Locate emails on the web and in the portal.
- Encourage your child to use the NWHS tutoring supports available to them, which include working with teachers at lunch.
- Contact your child’s counselor.
Homework Hotline Live!

http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/hhl/

Call, tweet, send text messages, post on Facebook, or email questions online Monday - Thursday 6:00-9:00pm.

Homework Hotline Live PHONE APP!

Starting Tuesday Sept 5th HHL LIVE on TV 4:30 – 6:30 P.M.
Northwest High School Media Center

Hours:
● “EXTENDED HOURS”
  7:15 am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday
  (adjusted hours are posted as needed)
● Multiple uses for space
● Books, Databases, Chromebooks, Computers, and more available!
Resources:

Over 40 County and School Purchased Resources

- Accessible 24/7
- Includes: Read To, save, print, email, built in dictionary/thesaurus, SAVE TO DRIVE, etc.
- Updated to keep current
- APA and MLA Citations
- Updated list on Website
Collections

• Fiction:
  • New selections including Audio Books
  • *New York Times* Best Sellers
  • Graphic Novels and Manga

• Non-Fiction:
  • New E-books to support English, World Studies, and Health Courses

• TEST PREP SECTION FOR STUDENTS
  • New AP Language and AP Literature section
Canvas App: Pulls students courses as long as they are using their @mcpsmd.net username and password. If you have a schedule change or issues, troubleshoot by logging out of the app and logging back in. Updates occur after 5 pm during the week.

myMCPS Portal: Where students and parents can go to check student schedules, grades, attendance and complete school forms. Registrations for sports seasons also occur through the portal.

You can get to the portal through the myMCPS mobile app, using Chrome (portal.mcpsmd.org), or through your google account utilizing the ‘MCPS Resources Folder’ on the search bar.

MyMCPSCClassroom: ‘Canvas’ on the web where teachers can post contents, assignments and other information. Students can interact through the myMCPS classroom and parents can view the classroom.

MyMCPSmobile: App where parents can receive notifications from the school, view schedules, grades and attendance.

Google Classroom: App through Google APPS for Education. Students must use their ‘mcpsmd.net’ to access and use the code provided by the teacher. Parents can be invited by the teacher to receive a guardian account and get weekly updates about courses utilizing Google Classroom.

Student Log-ins:
Desktop computer at school: ID and password
123456
Xxray1234
MCPS Chrombook: ID and Password
123456
Xxray1234
Chrome on a desktop or personal Chrombook: ID@mcpsmd.net and password
123456@mcpsmd.net
Xxray1234

myMCPS Classroom
MCPS
Chrombook
myMCPS Portal
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Applications

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<td>Section 504</td>
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<td>College and Career Readiness</td>
<td>Access to the College and Career Readiness Planner for students in Grades 6-12, powered by Naviance</td>
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<td>Google Classroom</td>
<td>Access to Google Classroom. Requires student’s account information</td>
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<td>Library Management System</td>
<td>Access to the online library card catalog system, powered by Destiny</td>
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<td>School Lunch Menus</td>
<td>Access to elementary and secondary school lunch menus, nutritional information, and more...</td>
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What information can I access using the Parent Portal?

For a more detailed breakdown of what can be accessed in the Parent Portal, please refer to the Parent Portal View.

Toggle between multiple students, if applicable

- Current look at student grades that have been entered into the gradebook by the teacher
- Historical grade data
- Attendance report
- View student schedule
- Access student work in myMCPS Classroom (via Observer account)
- View student schedule (via student account)
- School contact information
- Update account preferences; add additional students
- Update student emergency information

A myMCPS Classroom Observer account allows parents to view their student’s work. Creation of the myMCPS Observer account is not automatic at the time of Parent Portal account creation. Instead, parents will receive an email when the account is ready.
Get Connected @ Northwest High School

- Media Center
- Main Web Page
- Google Apps for Education
- Khan Academy
- Tutoring Resources
- Extracurricular Organizations & Activities
Thank you for coming tonight!

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