

# JULIUS WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to introduce Family Connection – a comprehensive website that you and your student can use to make plans about colleges and careers. Family Connection is linked with Naviance™, a service that we use to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides up-to-date information that's specific to our school.

Family Connection allows your student to:

- **Get involved in the planning and advising process** – Build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers
- **Research colleges** – Compare grade point average, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past
- **Research careers** – Research hundreds of careers and career clusters, and take career assessments
- **Create plans for the future** – Create goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned by the school to better prepare your student for future college and career goals

To visit our school's Family Connection site, use an internet browser to connect to:  
<http://connection.naviance.com/juliuswestms/>

Your seventh and eighth grade student received his/her username and login information. We encourage you to review the site with your child as there is not a parent login at this time.

In addition, if you are looking for other resources available in the county, please look up the career readiness for students link on the Montgomery County Public Schools website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/career-readiness/>.

We hope you will find this resource helpful. If you have questions about Family Connection, please contact the Julius West Counseling department.

Sincerely,  
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