9th Grade Parent Information Night
September 19, 2016

Putting the pieces together to achieve success!
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,
• heard information about the media center and how to get connected with Northwest staff and programs, and
• reviewed the available program and tutoring opportunities here at Northwest.
NWHS Boosters
Membership Chair: Heidi Gant

NWHS PTSA
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 the credit.

**Advancing to 10th Grade**
5 Total Credits
Including 1 Math & 1 English

**Advancing to 11th Grade**
10 Total Credits
Including 2 Math, 2 English, 1 Science, & 1 Social Studies

**Advancing to 12th Grade**
15 Total Credits
Including 3 Math, 3 English, 2 Science, & 2 Social Studies
Students must be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Eligibility is monitored by Marking Period. Students must have:
- At least a 2.0 GPA, and
- no more than 1 E.

Calculating Grade Point Averages and Academic Eligibility

Marking Period GPAs are used to determine eligibility. Semester grades are used to calculate a student’s cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). Semester grades are the only grades that appear on a transcript.

To determine your GPA:

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<th>Un-weighted (On-Level Course)</th>
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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.
New MCPS Semester Grade Trend Information

**REVISED GRADING TABLE**

Letters indicate MP1 MP2 = Semester Grade

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*MP1—Grade for first marking period of the semester; MP2—Grade for second marking period of the semester. All calculations in the table above are the same as the current high school grading table, except where marked with*
Counseling Department

301.601.4642

Mr. Jeffrey Flach
Ms. Tamela McCarthy-Redd
Ms. Chrissy Kravitz
Ms. Nancy Blanco
Ms. Athena Cois
Mr. Austin Freeman
Ms. Ellen O’Connell, Resource
Ms. Christina Kim
Mr. Sean Stewart

A - Brn
Bro - Dh
Di - Greb
Grec - Kem
Ken - Mc
Md - O / R - Rn
P - Q
Ro-Tal
Tam - Z
October 19th

- Students will complete a practice PSAT.

- Students will be connected to resources to help them plan for the PSAT in 10th and 11th grades and the SAT/ACT in 11th and 12th grades.

Attendance on the 19th is mandatory!
• FREE College Test Preparation Resource Aligned to the Redesigned SAT

• Directly Linked to College Board and Common Core State Standards

• Individualized Student Accounts

OCTOBER 19th: Practice PSAT Day
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
Other Important Pieces of the Puzzle

- Social-Emotional Well-Being
- Health
- Peer Relations
- Trusting Relationships with Staff
- Ongoing Communication
Northwest High School Media Center

Hours:

- **New “EXTENDED HOURS”**
  7am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday

( we always post multiple places before lunch when we have to adjust hours)

- Multiple uses for space
- Books, Databases, Chromebooks, Computers, and more available!

“Books and ideas are the most effective weapons against intolerance and ignorance.”

Lyndon B. Johnson
Get Connected @ Northwest High School

- Media Center Hours & Services
- Main Web Page
- Edline
- Google Apps for Education
- Khan Academy
- Tutoring Resources
- Extracurricular Organizations & Activities
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
Resources:
Links on Edline & Web

- Over 35 County and School Purchased Resources
- Accessible 24/7
- Includes: Read To, save, print, email, built in dictionary/thesaurus, etc. SAVE TO DRIVE.
- Many updated daily to keep current
- ALA and MLA Citations
- Updated list on Libguide and Edline
Northwest High School

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NWHS Ranked in Newsweek's "America's Best High Schools"

For student drop off and pick up rules and guidelines click here

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NEWS

SUNDAY NIGHT MESSAGE - SEPTEMBER 13th
Activity Buses will begin this Tuesday, September 15th and operate every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Activity bus routes will be available on our website at

Northwest Website

www.northwestjags.org
Achieve High School Success

Build a solid foundation for your future by achieving success in high school. Prepare for high school entrance and exit exams, search for private schools, prepare for AP tests or practice for the GED®. View Tools

Test Prep

- Academic Skills Question Banks
- Advanced Placement Exams (AP)
- California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)
- Catholic High School Entrance Exam
- Cooperative Entrance Examination (COOP)
- Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)
- High School Placement Test (HSPT)
- Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE)
- Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)
- Specialized High Schools Admission Test (SHSAT)
- Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)

Other

- Private Secondary School Search
Academic Test Banks from Peterson

Question Banks

Choose your question bank from the list below.

- Mathematics, Grades 6-8
- Mathematics, Grades 9-12
- Reading, Grades 6-8
- Reading, Grades 9-12
- Science, Grades 9-12
- Writing, Grades 6-8
- Writing, Grades 9-12

Explanations & Score Report

Drill & Practice

Multiple Choice Questions
Online AP Practice Tests and Books

Online Practice Tests
Choose your test from the subjects listed below. There are 2 practice tests offered for each subject.

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- European History
- Human Geography
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Physics B
- Physics C
- Psychology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- U.S. Government and Politics
- U.S. History
- World History

Online Books
Choose your book from the list below.

- AP European History
- AP World History
- Master AP Calculus AB & BC
- Master AP Chemistry
- Master AP English Language and Composition
- Master AP English Literature and Composition
- Master AP U.S. Government and Politics
- Master AP U.S. History

Resources

- Word of the Day
- Tips and Strategies
- Test Info, Dates, and Deadlines

Articles

- The Popularity of AP Classes is on the Rise
- Last-Minute Study Tips
- Beat Test Stress

Related Links

- The College Board
● Every student and parent has an account.
● Account information, trouble shooting, and password reset information is available.
● Adding email gives you alerts and school messages.
● The system allows you to send and receive emails
● Teachers can upload assignments, homework, calendars, etc.

www.Edline.net
Every MCPS student has an account:

**ID#@mcpsmd.net**

Ex: **123456@mcpsmd.net**

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**Students...**

- Can log in from any computer or chrome book
- Cannot email outside the MCPSMD domain
- Are monitored by MCPS
- Have access to the Google Apps for Education features including docs, slides, and sheets

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Google Apps for Education Accounts
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Google Classroom:

Parents...

❖ Must be invited to view class by classroom teacher. (7 days to activate)
❖ have access to the following:
  ➢ missing work
  ➢ upcoming work
  ➢ class activities
Tutoring Resources

- National Honor Society
- Math Honor Society
- Science Honor Society
- Social Studies Honor Society
- French and Spanish Honor Societies
- George B. Thomas Saturday School
Homework Hotline Live!

- Kicked off Wednesday, September 14th
- Free homework assistance from MCPS teachers

Call, tweet, send text messages, post on Facebook, or email questions Mondays 6:30-9:30pm and Tuesdays through Thursdays from 4:30-9:30pm.

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/hhl/
● Extracurricular Clubs
● Class of 2020
Sponsors:
- Rashida Banks
  Rashida_Banks@mcpsmd.org
- Tyreece Woodly
  Tyreece_Woodly@mcpsmd.org
● Northwest Ambassadors
● Academies
● Honor Societies

● Athletics
Anne Rossiter, Athletic Director
Anne_M_Rossiter@mcpsmd.org
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
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.
## NWHS Honor Societies

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<td>Aimee Conway</td>
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<td>Joe Swope</td>
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What to do if your student is struggling...

• Continuously monitor edline.
• Make sure you are monitoring assignments at home.
• Contact the teacher directly.
• Encourage your student to speak to the teacher.
• Encourage your student to use the tutoring supports available to them.
• Contact school counselors.
Principal
Mr. D’Andrea
Twitter: @NorthwestJags

9th Grade Administrator
Ms. Wheeler
Twitter: @MsWheeler_NWHS

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