



# Montgomery High School Guidance News

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## News



### MHS

It is finally beginning to feel like spring as we head into the remaining weeks of school. We want to wish the seniors all the best as they move on to the next phase of their lives. What an exciting time! Juniors are anxiously awaiting their senior year and all the wonderful events planned for them. Sophomores, junior year is right around the corner; freshmen, you have almost completed your first year of high school—well done! The MHS counselors are here to support all of you in setting and meeting your goals and we are all looking forward to welcoming the class of 2023 in September!

### Seniors

*It seems early to start saying goodbye, but the entire Counseling/Guidance Department would like to take this opportunity to wish you well as you pursue your dreams beyond MHS. Please be sure to let us know your plans for further education, the workplace or the military. (complete the Senior Survey!). Be confident, be humble, and, most of all, be true to yourself.*

## Important News:

### MHS Offers Summer School Courses

This summer students will again be able to take advantage of course offerings for enrichment or advancement. Please visit the S.O.A.R. website to register and for more information: SOAR@mtsd.us.



### Other Summer Courses

Students who take a summer course either online or in a traditional classroom must fill out an Option II form and submit it to the Guidance Department **BEFORE** registering to be able to gain credit. This includes students who have either failed a course or are taking a course for advancement. The Option II application can be found on the Guidance website of the high school under “Option II/Summer School” and must be submitted by May 17th for courses to be completed during the summer.

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### **Summer Assignments:**

Students, please remember to complete any summer assignments and summer reading for any classes. Do not wait until the end of the summer! Summer assignments can be found on the department websites of the high school web page.

### Scheduling for 2019-20

If a student did not meet the pre-requisite to be placed into an HONORS or AP course for next year, they may apply to waive into that course. Waiver application forms can be obtained from their teachers. The applications must be completed in full, require student and parent signatures, and be submitted to their current subject area teacher by May 3rd.

Students will be informed of an approval or denial by June 3rd.

**NO WAIVER FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 3rd.**

**All course request changes need to be in to counselors by April 19th - changes will not be made after this date.**

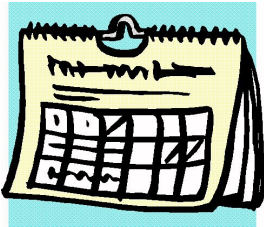
*A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.*

—Christopher Reeve

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## Upcoming Events:

- April 9, 10: NJSLA ELA (NJ Student Learning Assessment-Science)
- April 17th: "Welcome to High School" webinar for 8th grade parents
- May 3: Student Wellness Fair
- May 6-17: AP Testing
- May 20, 21: NJSLA Math
- May 30, 31: NJSLA-S
- May 30: Student Academic Awards
- June 6: Senior Scholarship Awards
- June 24: Graduation!



## STUDENT WELLNESS FAIR

To recognize May as Mental Health Month, and help raise mental health awareness on May 3rd Montgomery High School will be hosting their first Student Wellness Fair. The fair will take place during the school day and students will be able to visit the fair at assigned times during blocks 1 and 2. There will be numerous activities and some outside participants with a focus on managing stress and the academic and social pressures associated with navigating high school.



May is  
Mental Health  
Awareness Month

*Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world..*

~Harriet Tubman



## Class of 2020:

Over the summer, please log in to *Naviance* and complete the "Student Brag Sheet" and "Activities Resume" which can be found under the "About Me" tab. Also, parents need to complete the "Parent Point of View" in that same location. Until these items are completed school counselors cannot send out materials to colleges in the fall.

## Counselor Availability:

Counselors will have limited availability to voicemail and e-mail over the summer. They will return e-mails and messages at their earliest convenience upon their return to Montgomery.



## SAC CORNER

The MHS People Project participated in a community forum on Fairness and Health Equity on April 3rd at the Montgomery Municipal building. The People Project introduced the evening with an informative skit that illustrated the barriers to care our community members face. The goal of the event was to improve access and understanding of healthcare in Montgomery/Rocky Hill. The People Project assisted with healthy conversations and discussion based activities that followed the panel presentations. We look forward to continuing our work to promote access to healthcare in our community!



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The SAC office wants to remind you to stay safe, make healthy choices as we enter into the warmer months. Life is full of choices...make the right ones!

For more information, please reach out to Christine Grossmann  
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## Opportunities

The "Opportunities" postings, previously on the guidance department website, have been modified. In an effort to increase awareness, the opportunities will be e-mailed to registered students through Naviance. These include programs such as Governor's School, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and so forth. Opportunities are characterized as programs which are not tuition or fee based. They run the gamut from awards to educational and leadership programs.