



MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Spring is here, along with some welcomed warmer weather, and prom season is approaching. I am sure that you share my wish for a wonderful, memorable and safe prom experience for all students. Proms at Montgomery High School have always been very enjoyable events for our school community. I would like to inform you of the rules and regulations for the upcoming senior prom on Friday, May 17th, at the Hyatt Regency (102 Carnegie Center, Princeton) from 6:30-11:30 P.M. Since the prom is a school activity, all policies adopted by the Board of Education will be enforced. We ask that you discuss the importance of the guidelines outlined below with your sons and daughters.

Upon arriving at the prom, students will be received by a reception line consisting of administrators and chaperones (faculty). A prom is a very formal occasion, and we expect the students and their guests to be on their very best behavior. **It is extremely important that you, the parents, speak to your sons/daughters about the dangers of drinking or taking drugs before, during, or after the prom. Any student suspected of being under the influence at the prom will be subject to the procedures stated in Board of Education Policy. Specifically, the local police department and parents will be contacted. If the parents cannot be notified, the student will be transported to the nearest hospital to be examined by a doctor. Under no circumstance will the student be given permission to drive alone or with others from the prom location.** In addition, any student found to be under the influence will be subject to the appropriate discipline as outlined in the Student Agenda (pp. 39-41). **All non-student guests are the responsibility of their escorts.**

I would like to remind parents of the dangers of young people attending unsupervised parties after the prom. Gatherings in hotel rooms (students are **not** permitted to stay at the Hyatt Regency the night of the prom), vacation homes, or any site where adults are not present often lead to situations with dreadful consequences. If parents take a firm stand, we can ensure that the prom is an enjoyable event for all of our students. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

With the later Spring Break this year, June is just around the corner and final exams will be here before you know it. During finals week, I ask that you remind your child to get a good night's sleep on the evenings prior to testing and to eat a good breakfast each morning. Final examinations will be administered June 17, 18, 20, and 21. During each of the days set aside for finals, there will be an early dismissal with the last exam to end at 11:50 A.M. You will find a detailed exam schedule below. **Final report cards for the 2018-2019 school year will be viewable on June 26th via Parent Resources.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school at 609-466-7602.

Please take a moment to review the upcoming events and news that follow this letter. **Graduation information is located in this letter and is posted on the MHS website.** Additionally, please visit department webpages for summer reading assignments. Thank you and enjoy the warm weather and final days of the school year.

Respectfully,

Paul J. Popadiuk
Principal

Advanced Placement Examinations and Schedule

AP examinations began on Monday, May 6th and conclude on Friday, May 17th. This is often a stressful time for students involved in AP courses. I ask that you remind your child to get a good night's sleep on the evenings prior to testing and to eat a good breakfast. Please review the following exam schedule, taken from the College Board site:

Week 1 Morning Session (7:30am)		Afternoon Session (12pm)
May 6	US Govt. & Politics	Chinese Language & Culture Environmental Science
May 7	Spanish Language & Culture	Japanese Language and Culture Physics 1: Algebra-Based
May 8	English Literature and Comp.	European History French Language & Culture
May 9	Chemistry Spanish Literature and Culture	German Language & Culture Psychology
May 10	US History	Computer Science Principles Physics 2: Algebra-Based Studio Art- Portfolios Due
Week 2 Morning Session (7:30am)		Afternoon Session (12pm)
May 13	Biology	Physics C: Mechanics Physics C: E & M (2:00 p.m.)
May 14	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Art History Human Geography
May 15	English Language and Comp	Macroeconomics
May 16	Comparative Govt. & Politics World History	Statistics
May 17	Microeconomics Music Theory	Computer Science A Latin

I wish everyone the best of luck during the exams!

Final Exam Schedule and Information

I. **Overview – MHS Final Examination Period**

June 13- Full day of school: Students will attend all 8 classes A1-B4

June 14 and 19 (F, W) Full Days of School

1. School-wide review for Final Examinations
2. June 14th will be an “A Day” and June 19th a “B Day.”

June 17, 18, 20 and 21 (M, T, R, F) Early Dismissal

1. Two exams per day
2. Testing periods will be 120 minutes in length.
3. Student day will begin with their first exam at 7:20 A.M. each day followed by a 30 minute break (snacks available for purchase in cafeteria), and then the second exam at 9:50 A.M.
4. **Final Examination grades reflect 12% of the final grade for the course.**

*****FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH IS A REVIEW DAY- A DAY: FULL DAY OF SCHOOL*****

II. **Monday, June 17** – Final Exams
7:20 – 9:20 **Block A1 Exam**
9:50 – 11:50 **Block A2 Exam**
11:50 School Dismissal

III. **Tuesday, June 18** – Final Exams
7:20 – 9:20 **Block A3 Exam**
9:50 – 11:50 **Block A4 Exam**
11:50 School Dismissal

*****WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH IS A REVIEW DAY- B DAY: FULL DAY OF SCHOOL*****

IV. **Thursday, June 20** – Final Exams
7:20 – 9:20 **Block B1 Exam**
9:50 – 11:50 **Block B2 Exam**
11:50 School Dismissal

V. **Friday, June 21** – Final Exams
7:20 – 9:20 **Block B3 Exam**
9:50 – 11:50 **Block B4 Exam**
11:50 School Dismissal

VI. **Make-ups** can be arranged via one of the following methods:
A. Individual appointments with teachers during exam periods.
B. After school and summer make-ups must be arranged through the teacher (or supervisor, if teacher is unavailable) by Monday, June 24th.

Highlights of Other Senior Class Culminating Activities

Senior Dinner Dance, June 7, will be held at St. Mary’s Hall on Brooks Blvd. in Hillsborough from 6:30 to 10:30 P.M. Students must dress appropriately (semi-formal attire: **boys must wear a tie**).

Distribution of caps and gowns, June 21, will take place both between and after the final exam periods.

The Senior Breakfast, June 24, will take place outside, under the science wing, at 7:20 A.M. prior to graduation practice. Parents of seniors conduct this activity, which is funded by the senior class.

Graduation Practice, June 24, is **mandatory** for those students choosing to be part of the commencement ceremony. **Graduates must arrive for practice on time and remain until the practice has concluded.** Dismissal time depends on the amount of time required to satisfactorily prepare for the graduation program. It will conclude no later than 2:30 P.M.

On June 24th, the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2019 will begin promptly at 6:00 P.M. Weather permitting, the ceremony will take place at Cougar Stadium. Each graduate will receive a total of six tickets. Four of these tickets may be used for outside or indoor seating (in the gymnasium in the event of inclement weather). The other two tickets may be used for outdoor seating, or in the event of inclement weather, in the Montgomery Performing Arts Center to view the ceremony on closed circuit television. Graduates will assemble in the gymnasium at 5:15 P.M. Participation in the graduation ceremony is voluntary. Any student may choose not to participate in the commencement exercise. Anyone who does not comply with the “Dress Code for Graduation” or displays inappropriate conduct will be removed from the ceremony. Remember, participating in graduation is a privilege, not a right.

Class of 2019 Graduation Ceremony Dress Code

1. Girls must wear a dress, skirt or dress pants and a blouse under their gown.
2. Boys must wear dress pants.
3. Boys must wear dress shoes and a dress shirt with a tie.
4. Jeans or shorts are not permitted.
5. Flip-flops and sneakers are not acceptable.

The graduation ceremony normally runs approximately 2.5 hours. Montgomery graduates and parents will be able to purchase graduation ceremony pictures. Graduation pictures will be of the individual student receiving their diploma and will be taken by Milan Rose. Order forms will be sent home electronically by Mr. Pachuta. Hard copies will be available in the main office and on the MHS website. Payment and order envelopes must be received prior to graduation. Candid photos will be available for purchase online through Milan Rose.

Attention Parents and Guardians of Sophomores and Juniors

Listed below are some projected costs associated with both the junior and senior years. These are approximations and are presented for planning purposes only. For further details, contact Colleen Shanahan and Rickey Steeb, Senior Class Advisors, Hope Boczon and Brian Santaniello, Junior Class Advisors, or the Guidance Office at (609) 466-7602.

College Applications	\$50 - \$90 <u>each</u>
SAT Score Reports	\$15.00 for each college
Senior Pictures	Varies depending on the selected package (\$70 and up)
Senior Prom	Average cost is approximately \$130 per person
Senior Trip Payment	Payment schedule and information will be mailed home in July. Total cost is estimated to be approx. \$1500.
Yearbook	\$85 approx.

Upcoming Senior Pictures (Class of 2020) will be taken June 11th - June 13th in the MHS Media Center. Students should receive their appointment through Milan Rose in the next week or two.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All school events can be located on our website. Please go to www.mtsd.k12.nj.us and then select Montgomery High School. The calendar is available under "Upcoming Events" on the right hand side of the screen. The calendar is updated weekly.