



COUNSELOR

CONNECTION

"THERE IS NOTHING SO STABLE AS CHANGE." - BOB DYLAN

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Almost one month down! We have finished up schedule changes, and now we head into college application season with our seniors. We will continue to focus on transition with our freshmen this time of year as well.

As always, please feel free to reach out to any of us if you have questions regarding any events or information.

9TH GRADE NEWS:

Your first month of high school is almost complete! We will use the months of October and November to monitor your grades and looking ahead to next month, you and your counselor will start exploring your career interests and aptitudes. In the meantime, we'll be checking in on you during homeroom!

Important Dates (still!):

- 10/5/18- mid-term progress reports available
- 10/10/18- **Freshmen Workshops**; Freshmen will participate in four different activities throughout the course of the day that are both fun and informative!
- 10/12/18, 8am & 10/16/18, 2pm - **9th Grade Parent Guidance Coffees**; Parents are invited to come hear from the MHS Guidance Department about freshman year, post-secondary planning and to have your questions about high school answered!

10TH GRADE NEWS

All sophomores (and juniors) will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 10th during the school-day. There is no need to register in advance. During the first week of October you will get details about the day

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 10/5/18- mid-term progress reports available
- 10/10/18 - PSAT Administration; All sophomores and juniors will be administered the PSAT in homeroom. More detailed information to follow.

11TH GRADE NEWS

Hopefully you got some great information at the MHS College Fair last week! Over 80 colleges and organizations were represented. Also, be sure to take advantage of the College Information Sessions at MHS. Reps from various colleges will visit MHS and hold information sessions. This is another great way to hear about majors, scholarships and other key information directly from the college. Please check out the [Canvas Calendar](#) for a complete list of colleges.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 10/5/18- mid-term progress reports available
- 10/10/18 - PSAT Administration; All sophomores and juniors will be administered the PSAT in homeroom. More detailed information to follow.

12TH GRADE NEWS

We just wrapped up our senior classroom workshops! All seniors now have a Common App account (many students even completed most of the application!) We had a great turn out at our Senior Parent Night on 9/20. **Parents of seniors should attend Financial Aid Night on Wed., 10/3 at 7pm**, to help demystify the financial aid process.

All seniors, college-bound or otherwise should have checked in with their guidance counselor regarding post-grad plans. Another reminder that seniors should be visiting colleges, finalizing their college lists, checking on teacher recommendations, refining their essays and meeting with their counselor.

Other points of note: You can start filling out the FAFSA (the federal financial aid form) on October 1st! Get your pin now at fafsa.ed.gov

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **10/3/18- Financial Aid Night, 7pm** in the MHS Auditorium for parents of seniors.
- 10/5/18- mid-term progress reports available
- 10/16/18 -Transcript requests due to your Guidance Counselor for November application deadlines.

Still need to take the SAT or ACT?

SAT

November 3, 2018

October 5, 2018

October 24, 2018

December 1, 2018

November 2, 2018

November 20, 2018

ACT

Test Date

Registration Deadline

(Late Fee Required)

October 27, 2018

September 28, 2018

September 29-October 14, 2018

December 8, 2018

November 2, 2018

November 3-19, 2018

*If you receive free and reduced lunch, please see you counselor for fee waivers.

COLLEGE REPS COMING TO MHS!

Here are some of the Colleges/Programs visiting MHS over the next few weeks. More to come!

Please see Mrs. Cugini in Guidance in advance for a pass.

Bay State College, 10/1, 11:30

Stonehill College, 10/1, 10:30

Ursinus College, 10/5, 9:30

University of Oregon, 10/5, 11

Mass. Maritime Academy, 10/10, 11am

Salve Regina Univ. 10/12, 9am

Sacred Heart University, 10/12, 9am

Berklee College of Music, 10/16, 9am
Savannah Coll. of Art /Design. 10/17, 9am
Washington College, 10/18, 10
Bentley College, 10/24, 8am
Wheaton College, 10/29, 9am
UMaine Orono, 10/30, 10
University of Scranton, 11/1, 8am
Roanoke College, 11/2, 11
Southern Vermont College, 11/6, 8am
Worcester State, 11/16, 10am



COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

A first-hand account from MHS Guidance Counselor, Mike Ruuska:

I had the opportunity to spend two nights on the Endicott College campus this past July at a Counselor event. My immediate impression of the school was that it would be a place where a typical Marshfield student would feel incredibly comfortable spending four years of his or her life. The picturesque, 235-acre oceanfront campus is located just 20 miles north of Boston. The campus is clean, modern and easily walkable, with many new construction projects underway. The surrounding area offered an interesting mix of history (Salem), culture (Peabody Essex Museum) and beautiful coastline and beaches. Not to mention the culinary options in the area were some of the best I have come across in quite some time!

Endicott College believes in experiential learning. Their learn-by-doing approach requires all 3,500 undergraduate students participate in a four-year internship program. The task of finding an internship is aided by a 13:1 student-faculty ratio; students benefit from professors who are supportive and involved in their learning and assist in finding internship opportunities. As a result, at Endicott, a student graduates with a resume and a degree. *The Wall Street Journal* ranked Endicott as #2 in their 2018 ranking of Colleges the Prioritize Internships. *U.S. News and World Report* recognized them as an A-Plus School for B Students. Other notable statistics are their 84% retention rate and 90% of the graduates receive employment in careers related to their major. The most popular majors are Nursing, Business Administration, Hospitality Management, Sport and Fitness Administration and Psychology.