

Current 11th Grade Students

- In order to be promoted to the 12th grade, students must have a minimum of 30 credits. Students should have over 90% attendance for the year.
- All students should be utilizing Skedula/PupilPath. Please make sure you are registered, and have it linked to an email address that you check frequently. Counselors send out important information and opportunities for students via PupilPath messages.
- Every student has a Midwood email. Go to Google.com to sign in using the Midwood domain email information. Emails are created using: First initial of first name, full last name, no spaces, last two digits of ID number, first number of official class @midwoodhighschool.org. The password is hornets1. You can contact lbommarito@midwoodhighschool.org or jross@midwoodhighschool.org for any domain questions. Many teachers use Google Docs and Google Classroom, and this is the email address students should use in order to access these items.
- Graduation Requirements (44 credits and a minimum of 5 Regents exams).
 - Medical Science: Students must take Physics and Pre-Calculus if they have not done so already. All students need to have at least 10 credits in science for their endorsement.
 - Humanities: Students must take English or Social Studies electives to complete the requirement for their endorsement.
 - Liberal Arts & Science Institute (LASI): Students must complete electives for their endorsement.
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in all subject areas. In the spring, each department will hold interest meetings that students should attend to gather information on what courses are offered and what the prerequisites for each class are. Students will then submit applications for the desired classes.
- Attendance is incredibly important! Each student is expected to have over 90% attendance for the year. Attendance is taken into consideration with promotional criteria as well as PSAL regulations for student athletes. If you are absent, please make sure to bring documentation to the attendance office in room 119. Also, make sure that you are in communication with your teachers in order to make up work.
- Regents Exams will be given January 22-25. Students will be reminded of which exams they need to sit for.
- As per the CUNY College Readiness initiative, students are encouraged to score a 70+ on a Common Core Math Exam, and a 75+ on the English Regents. Additionally, students are required to earn two credits in Algebra II. If a student does not meet these benchmarks, they will be encouraged to retake the exam for a higher score. Failing to meet the criteria could result in remediation classes if a student attends a CUNY school.
- College Now courses through Brooklyn College and Kingsborough Community College will be offered in the spring. Students have the opportunity to take college level courses in addition to high school level courses.
- Students should sit for the SAT during the spring of their junior year and again in the fall of their senior year. **ALL JUNIORS WILL BE GIVEN THE SAT ON MARCH 27, 2019 FOR FREE AT MIDWOOD.** Colleges will look at each student's super score on the SAT (the highest Math and highest Critical Reading), so students are encouraged to take the exam more than once and up to 3 times. You can NOT super score the old SAT with the new SAT. The ACT exam (www.act.org) is also an option for students. SAT II subject tests are also available. Students should use the College Board website, www.collegeboard.com, to register for these exams and take practice tests, as well as utilize the resources available there for their college search.
- All students have been given their Naviance log-in information, and should be familiarizing themselves with the resources available there. If anyone does not remember their registration information, they can get that from their guidance counselor.
- Juniors will have orientation meetings with the college advisors in their English classes beginning in March. It is important that students are familiar with the college office in room 445. The College Handbook is available on the Midwood website for students to refer to for all information regarding the college application process.

- CUNY/SUNY profiles are available online and in the college office. It is very helpful to look at these profiles to get a feel of what the schools are looking for to admit students.
- Students should begin visiting colleges. Spring is a great time to do this. Both College Board and Naviance allow students to do online college searches. Students can look at college websites for Open House dates.
- Tutoring is offered in all subjects during the day. Students should check with the individual academic departments for schedules.
- We offer two different mentoring programs, the Big Brother Program (Ms. Sethi and Ms. Powell supervise and it runs Mondays and Wednesdays) and the Big Sister Program (Ms. Simon and Ms. Fitzpatrick supervise and it runs Tuesdays and Thursdays), which offer younger students the opportunity to be paired up with older students. Time is spent after school in the library, where students can work on their homework and receive tutoring. Both programs will begin sometime in November. If you would like to be a mentor/tutor, please see Ms. Sethi in Room 156B, Ms. Fitzpatrick in Room 115 or Ms. Simon and Ms. Powell in Room 132. It is a great opportunity to earn service credit and looks great on your resume/college applications.
- Applications for Arista and/or Archon honor societies can be accessed on the Midwood Website or from your guidance counselor, and are due to Ms. Daniels in room 115 by the end of January. In order to be eligible for Archon, students must have at least 105 service credits for admission. Of these 105 credits, there must be a minimum of 45 credits from office or classroom service for a teacher or administrator, and a minimum of 30 credits from student government and/or school activities. In order to be eligible for Arista, students must have an overall average of 93% over 5 semesters and shown a record of service to the school. Credits are accumulated on the GO card, which students can purchase for \$5 from Mr. Kolotkin in room 417.
- Remember that colleges look for well-rounded students. Students should be putting together a resume of their activities and involvement in their community and school during their high school years. Naviance has a resume-building tool that is a wonderful resource for students to use!
- Begin speaking with teachers about writing recommendations. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!!** Make sure that you ask a teacher who knows you well and will be able to highlight your strengths and speak to your abilities.
- Any student that moves or has a change in phone number should bring a copy of the bill to room 135 so it can be updated in the school system. It is very important that the school has the most up to date contact information. It is also important that the information you are supplying to colleges matches what Midwood has on file!!!
- Please complete your Family Income Inquiry Form. Completed forms provide Midwood with necessary monetary funds that allow us the opportunity to provide many academic resources and opportunities. All completed forms can be returned to room 139. You can also complete the form online (www.myschoolapps.com/Application). These forms are **confidential** and **not shared** with any other government or federal agencies. Students who fall below a predetermined family income qualify for free AP exams, free SATs, and many other free and discounted programs.
- Midwood is based on 3 Core Values that we hold very important and hope that all of our students represent while they are here in the building and outside of the building.
 - Honesty
 - Respect
 - Responsibility
- Midwood is a safe place for students. If any student feels harassed or bullied, they should speak with their teacher, guidance counselor, or the deans immediately.
- Students should be aware that their conversations with their counselors are kept confidential unless students share that their safety and wellbeing is in jeopardy.

- If anyone is struggling with mental health or emotional issues, your guidance counselor is here to support you and your family. Additionally, there are two social workers available at Midwood. Ms. Haley Schwartz, our RAPP counselor, is available Monday – Thursday in room 485. She helps students learn how to have healthy relationships. Ms. Yvette Jeanty is a social worker, and is available Tuesdays and Wednesdays in room 436. She is available for all different kinds of supports for the students. Ms. Janelle Stanley is also a social worker that will be available Monday through Friday, also in room 436.
- If anyone is facing problems with substances, or knows someone who is, we have supports and resources available. Ms. Tatiana Rodriguez, our SPARK counselor, is available Monday – Friday in room B56A. She works with all students to address at-risk behaviors as well as normal teenage issues.
- If anyone has a change in housing status, your guidance counselor can help get you assistance.
- In a world that revolves around the internet, it is important to be wise about how we use social media. What you post on social media becomes part of your personal portrait. Do not hit “send” without considering that anyone could end up seeing it, and once it is out there, you cannot get it back.