

## Current 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

- In order to be promoted to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, students must have a minimum of 20 credits, including 4 credits in English and 4 in Social Studies. Students should have over 90% attendance for the year.
- All students should be utilizing Skedula/PupilPath. This is an excellent resource to track your own progress as well as a way to stay in communication with your teachers. 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](mailto:lbommarito@midwoodhighschool.org) or [jross@midwoodhighschool.org](mailto: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 should be taking their track requirements and are encouraged to think about AP Science courses for next year, or continue with electives within their track. Students are also required to complete science courses through Physics and math courses through Pre-Calculus.
  - Humanities: students will continue with their current track for the year, and can continue with a 2<sup>nd</sup> year in that track next year, or take English and/or Social Studies electives (total of 4 overall) to complete the requirements for their endorsement. Students need to complete 3 years of a Second Language at Midwood in order to receive their endorsement.
  - Liberal Arts & Science Institute (LASI): should continue with elective courses
- For any students looking to change their Institutes (i.e., LASI to Medsci), the last opportunity to do that is spring of 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. After your 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period report card (December 11), you can get recommendation forms from your guidance counselor.
- 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 the Common Core Math Exams, and a 75+ on the English Regents/Common Core Exam. 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 will be offered in the spring. This is an opportunity for students to take high school level courses. College level courses are available to students for their Junior and Senior years.
- All students should register on the College Board website, [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), as this is where you will be able to take practice PSAT and SAT exams, and where you will eventually register for the SAT your junior year. **ALL 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE TAKING THE PSAT ON MARCH 27, 2019.** There are also numerous resources available to students through the College Board website. Students should also be thinking about the ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)) as an alternative to or an addition to the SAT.

- The College Office is in room 445 and students should begin visiting and using resources there. Naviance information will be distributed to students, and they should be utilizing the resources available there. Interest inventories, such as the Cluster Finder, Strengths Explorer, and the Career Interest Profiler, are available for students to take and use that information to search for careers and future majors.
- CUNY/SUNY profiles are available online and in the college office. Students should be in the process of searching for colleges and considering possible majors.
- 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, room 156B, and Ms. Powell, room 132, supervise and it runs Mondays and Wednesdays) and the Big Sister Program (Ms. Simon, room 132, and Ms. Fitzpatrick, room 115, 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.
- Students have the opportunity to apply for Archon, which is a national service honor society, in January. Applications can be accessed on the Midwood website or from your guidance counselor. The deadline to return them is the end of January to Ms. Daniels in room 115. Students can apply for Arista, which is a national honor society, during the 11<sup>th</sup> grade year. 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 a GO card, which can be purchased for \$5 from Mr. Kolotkin in room 417.
- A list of clubs is available in room 417, as well as under “Student Life” on the Midwood website. At Midwood, it is strongly encouraged to get involved with school activities (such as clubs, teams, service, etc.)
- In addition to school service, students are encouraged to volunteer within the community. Any outside service should be documented for student purposes and they should provide proof of service by obtaining a letter from the organization and keeping it on file until students begin applying for colleges or one of the honor societies.
- 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.
- 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](http://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. Yollette 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.