

Current 11th Grade Students

All students should be utilizing Skedula/PupilPath daily. 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. Your parents should be encouraged to register on PupilPath as well. <https://pupilpath.skedula.com>

CREDITS/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- In order to be promoted to the 12th grade, students must have a minimum of 30 credits for the year.
- NYC requires a *minimum* of 44 credits and 5 Regents exams with 65+ in order to graduate with a Regents diploma.
- Specific requirements for endorsement in Midwood's different programs:
 - Medical Science: Students must complete 4 years of math (through Pre-Calculus), 10 credits of Science (including Living Environment, Chemistry, and Physics), and 3 years of a Second Language.
 - Humanities: Students will be continuing with their current track (i.e., Social Science Research, Law, Media, etc.), or choosing to take available Humanities electives. Students must also take 6 credits in a Second Language at Midwood.
 - Liberal Arts & Science Institute (LASI): students will take additional electives that are necessary for graduation.
- Regents exams will be given June 3 (Global History) and June 18-25. Students attend school only on the days in which they are taking an exam. Tutoring and Regents prep is offered by individual departments. Please check the Midwood website for updates. Students can also visit www.regentsprep.org or www.nysedregents.org to take practice exams and prepare on their own. Khan Academy is also a resource for test preparation at www.khanacademy.org. If any student wants to re-take an exam in August, please let your counselor know.
- All students must complete a CPR class before graduation. This will be done in your PE classes, and once you have completed it, you do not have to do it again.

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

- Students should be using the College Board website (www.collegeboard.com) regularly, as it is an important resource. All 11th graders are already registered for a free SAT exam without the writing portion on March 27th. **You should**

register to take the SAT again in May, June, August or fall. Registration is done online. Please be aware of registration deadlines to avoid late fees and not getting the testing site that you prefer. Colleges will look at each student's super score on the SAT (the highest Math and highest Critical Reading score), so students are encouraged to take the exam more than once and up to three times. They also have a partnership with [Khan Academy](#) to provide FREE test preparation.

- Students should consider the ACT as an alternative or in addition to taking the SAT. www.actstudent.org can be utilized for practice tests and information regarding the ACT. This is also where students will register to take the test. When registering you should include the writing portion. Kaplan has partnered with the ACT to give testing prep. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch this prep can be free or at a reduced cost.
- SAT II subject tests are also offered. Check with individual colleges that you are interested in applying to in order to find out if they are required for admission.
- The City University of New York (CUNY) has set forth College Readiness criteria for our students based on their Regents scores. A minimum score of 70+ on a Common Core Math and a 75+ on the Common Core English are the benchmarks set forth. If a student does not meet these criteria, they will be encouraged to retake the exam for a higher score in order to avoid taking remediation courses if the student attends a CUNY school.
- Start searching college options now. *Students have been given their log-in codes for Naviance (www.connection.naviance.com/midwood) and shown how to use the website during their programming meetings.* If you do not remember your code, see your guidance counselor. This website is the tool for the college process at Midwood. **The college advisors also use Naviance to send out information to students regarding deadlines, scholarships, etc. Make sure you have registered with a valid email address and are checking it regularly.** Students can begin to research colleges based upon location, majors, GPA and test score requirements, etc. They can also take interest inventories and assessments to determine what kind of career or major they want to pursue. Students should be using the Career Interest Profiler and Resume Builder.
- Springtime and summer are good times to visit schools and get a feel of what each school is like. *Make sure you are aware of deadlines colleges have for applications and what is necessary for you to apply to each school.*
- Check your email for prompts on Common App personal essays. You should have received them in your email from the College Office through your Naviance Account. Get a head start on your essay writing! You can actually

begin working on your Common Application now! Most of you will also have the opportunity to work on this in your current English class.

- The college advisors have made visits to all of your English classes. Midwood's college office is located in room 445, and each student should make every effort to familiarize themselves with that office. Make an appointment to meet with the advisors starting March 20th for appointments beginning March 25th to get direction with the college search process. The College Office tab on the Midwood's website is a wonderful resource for all things that you need to know about the college process. The student handbook is available there with all the information that you need regarding the college application process. The PowerPoint presentation from your English class is also posted there. www.midwoodhighschool.org.
- All important documents for the College Office are posted on the Midwood website and on Naviance. It is not too early to begin putting together your college folder now!!! Use pages 3, 4, and 5 in the student handbook as a guide for your college timeline.
- Important information is also posted on the bulletin boards outside of the college office, so make sure you are checking those regularly.
- Look online for CUNY (www.cuny.edu) and SUNY (www.suny.edu) school profiles in order to get a feel of what the admissions requirements are for students looking to apply.
- Remember that colleges look for well-rounded students. Students should be putting together a resume of their activities and involvement in their school and community.
- **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.
- All students will need to apply for Financial Aid via the FAFSA. The application is available beginning in October. <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
- In order to determine eligibility for fee waivers, students need to make sure they have filled out and returned their Family Income Inquiry Form (this needs to be filled out every year).
- If you are considering playing a sport in college, please speak with your guidance counselor about the NCAA guidelines and requirements. All students who are interested in playing college sports MUST be registered on the NCAA Clearinghouse: <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-center>
- For students not sure about going to college, but are interested in pursuing career & technical training, NYC School for Cooperative Tech is a good option to

obtain certificates and job placement. Visit <http://www.co-optech.org> for more information.

- **Colleges reserve the right to revoke admission if your final transcript isn't up to their expectations.** They will be seeing your mid-year transcript senior year, as well as your final transcript. Classes you take your senior year matter!!
- The College Office will also be utilizing a texting service called "Remind" in order to help students stay informed on important information and events that go along with the college process. Counselors will be collecting student's cell phone numbers in order to make sure that they are signed up for this service.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL PROGRAMS/ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Tutoring is offered in all subjects during the day. Students should check with the individual academic departments or look on the Midwood website for schedules. Khan Academy does online tutoring and test preparation.
- We offer two different mentoring programs, Big Brother and Big Sister, 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. You can volunteer to be a "big" brother or sister and earn school service credits.
- Students still have the opportunity to apply for Archon, which is a national service honor society, in January. In order to be eligible, 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. 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.).
- Students can also still apply for Arista, which is the national honor society, as a senior if they meet the eligibility requirements of an overall average of 90% over 7 semesters and shown a record of service to the school.
- College NOW courses through Brooklyn College will be offered for the summer and the upcoming fall semester. Summer applications are currently available and fall will be available later this spring. Check the Midwood website or PupilPath for information. This is an opportunity for students to take college credit courses at Brooklyn College.
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in all subjects. There will be an AP Night on March 25th from 6-8 to display all AP courses that we offer. Departments will be holding interest meetings the end of March/beginning of

April. Students must submit applications in order to be considered for these classes.

- 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 keep it on file until students begin applying for colleges or one of the honor societies. If you are interested in doing outside volunteer work, there are a few websites that may be helpful for you to find a placement. www.volunteermatch.org; www.philanthropy.org
- NYC's Summer Youth Employment (SYEP) applications are online now. <https://application.nycsyep.com/>

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance is incredibly important. Each student is expected to have a minimum of 90% attendance for the year. Attendance is taken into consideration for student promotional requirements.
- 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 (via PupilPath or in person).
- For student athletes, the PSAL requires 90% attendance as well. If you do not meet those criteria, you will be ineligible to play your sport.

GENERAL MIDWOOD INFORMATION

- Students will receive 6 report cards throughout the year. There are 2 academic terms that are split into 3 marking periods each. All marking period grades are cumulative and count toward your final grade. Final grades are given in February and June, and these are the grades that will go onto student transcripts.
- 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. You should also let your counselor know the change.
- Any student who is living in a temporary housing situation, resources are available for you. Please see Ms. Allen (STH Liaison) in room 156B.
- Midwood is based on 3 core values that we hold very important and hope that all of our students represent while they are both in the building and outside the building.
 - Honesty
 - Respect

- Responsibility

COUNSELING/RESOURCES

- In addition to academic support and programming, your guidance counselor is available for you to speak with about any issue that you might be experiencing. Everything you speak about is held in utmost confidentiality unless you disclose that you are going to hurt yourself or someone else, or if someone is hurting you.
- If anyone is facing problems with substances, or knows someone who is, we have supports and resources available. Ms. Rodriguez is our SPARK counselor, and she is in room B56A.
- In addition to the guidance counselors, we have other counselors available to speak with students. Ms. Schwartz runs our RAPP program, and she is here Monday-Thursday in room 485. Ms. Stanley is a social worker who is in room 436 from 8:00-3:20 Monday - Friday. Ms. Jeanty is a social worker who is here from 8:00-3:20 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays in room 436. Ms. Coles is a social worker who is in room 349 from 8:00-3:20 Monday - Friday. Ms. Krase is our school psychologist who is in room 157B from 8:00-3:20 Monday - Friday.
- In a world that revolves around the internet, it is important to be wise about how we use social media. Do not hit "Send" without considering that anyone could end up seeing it, and **once it is out there, you cannot get it back.**
- Midwood is a safe place for students. If any student feels harassed or bullied, they should speak with their teacher, guidance counselor, or deans immediately. We adhere to NYC Schools' Respect for All. Information can be found at <http://schools.nyc.gov/RulesPolicies/RespectforAll/default.htm>.