



Dear Grade 8 Parents,

The Guidance Department at the High School would like to invite your eighth grader to attend a freshman orientation program on Wednesday March 13th. We initiated this program several years ago in an effort to provide a more valuable and meaningful introduction to life at the High School for our incoming class.

On the afternoon of March 13th, a single session day for students and an in-service day for teachers, we will hold a special program for the members of the Millburn High School Class of 2023. The students, accompanied by Middle School teachers, will be brought by bus to the High School in the morning. We will provide a lunch of pizza, bottled water and cookies thanks to the generosity of our PTO. Parents of eighth graders who have students at the High School will help us at lunch. If your child does not or cannot eat pizza or would like fruit or something else in addition to what is provided, they are welcome to bring it along.

During the course of the afternoon, we will introduce the incoming freshmen to their counselors who will schedule them for freshman year. Peer Leaders will talk about life at the High School, lead tours of the building and answer questions and the Student Assistance Office will provide valuable information about school resources. There will be a mini Club Fair in the gymnasium that will offer insights on the wealth of extra-curricular activities available and male and female athletes from a variety of teams will talk about the sports program at MHS.

Shortly after the February break, we will send you a letter that will include a permission slip that must be signed and returned to the Middle School.

At the conclusion of the program, we are asking that you pick up your student either at the High School or the Middle School or give him/her permission to walk home or downtown. A bus will be available to take students to the Middle School.

This day will be the one time that your student will be able to meet with a High School counselor prior to arriving at school in the fall. The high school counselor assigned to your student will be on the form he or she receives the day of the program. Counselors are assigned alphabetically. For those of you who have had a counselor for an older sibling and wish to have your entering student remain with this counselor you may email Mrs. Siegel and that request will be honored. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Siegel at the High School (nancy.siegel@millburn.org).

We hope you will help us to make this program a success. We know from our experience in past years that it will give your student an understanding of life at the High School and make the first day of school in September the beginning of a promising and fruitful four years.

Sincerely,
The High School Guidance Counselors