

Current 9th Grade Students

- In order to be promoted to the 10th grade, you must have a minimum of 8 credits for the year, including 2 credits in English and 2 in Social Studies. Students should also 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. Your parents should be encouraged to register on PupilPath as well.
- 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 tracks: Science Research/AP Capstone, Pre-Engineering & Technology, and Modern Science (students will submit their preference form in the spring).
 - Humanities tracks: Social Science Research/AP Capstone, Law, World Languages, Media/Art, Music, Gilder-Lehrman (students will submit their preference form in the spring).
 - Liberal Arts & Science Institute tracks (LASI): counselors will discuss different electives with students during spring meetings.
- 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.
- If any student wishes to transfer from one program to another (i.e., LASI to MedSci), recommendation forms will be available after the 2nd marking period report cards, which will be distributed on December 11th, 2018. Please see your guidance counselor for the recommendation forms.
- 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 on your transcript.
- Attendance is incredibly important. Each student is expected to have over 90% attendance for the year. Anything below this is considered chronic absenteeism. 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. For most 9th graders, they will not be taking any exams. Students who are not scheduled for Regents Exams do not attend school those days. There are some 9th graders who will be re-taking the Common Core Algebra exam.
- Tutoring is offered in all subjects during the day. Students should check with the individual academic departments for schedules.
- Any 9th grader who is interested in transferring to another NYC high school for next year, applications are available in room 134 or with your guidance counselor. They are due on December 3rd.
- 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.

- During the 10th grade, students have the opportunity to apply for Archon, which is a national service honor society. 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. Credits are accumulated on the 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.) SING is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and meet fellow 9th graders.
- 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). 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 three 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. Yolette 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.