

Current 9th 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 10th grade, students must have a minimum of 8 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.
- Midwood has 3 Programs in which students must fulfill additional/specific requirements in order to earn their endorsement
 - Medical Science: Science Research, Pre-Engineering & Technology, and Modern Science. Students will attend a meeting to hear about each track and submit their request to the Science Department. Students will complete 8 credits in math (through Pre-Calculus), 10 credits in science (including Living Environment, Chemistry, and Physics), and 6 credits of a Second Language.
 - Humanities: World Languages—Latin, AP Capstone Seminar, Music, CTE Law, CTE Media Arts, or Gilder-Lehrman. Students will attend a meeting to hear about each track and submit their request to the English/Social Studies Departments. Students are required to complete the required courses within their tracks as well as 3 years of a Second Language at Midwood.
 - Liberal Arts & Science Institute (LASI): counselors will discuss elective options with students during programming meetings. The Social Studies Department has two programs that students can apply for, the Gilder Lehrman Program and the Law Academy.
- 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 will be offered by individual departments closer to the exam dates. 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. The Khan Academy, www.khanacademy.org, also provides practice tests and tutoring.

- 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 become familiar with the College Board website (www.collegeboard.com), as it is an important resource that should be used all through high school. They also have a partnership with Khan Academy to provide test preparation.
- Students will be taking the PSAT, which is a pre-SAT exam, as sophomores. Information on this exam can be found on College Board website.
- 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 the Common Core Algebra 1 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.
- It is not too early to be thinking about colleges. Students will be given their log-in codes for Naviance (www.connection.naviance.com/midwood) during their sophomore year and shown how to use the website during their programming meetings. This website is the tool for the college process at Midwood. 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.
- Midwood's college office is located in room 445, and it is not too early to become familiar with it. 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. www.midwoodhighschool.org
- Important terms that students should begin familiarizing themselves with such as SAT, ACT, PSAT, SAT II, CUNY, SUNY, etc.

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 at www.khanacademy.org.
- 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.

- 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. 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.).
- College NOW courses through Brooklyn College will be offered for the upcoming summer and fall semesters. Check the Midwood website or PupilPath for information once they are posted. This is an opportunity for students to take high school credit courses at Brooklyn College. Success in these classes will provide opportunities for them to take college level courses in junior and senior year.
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in all subjects. There will be an AP Night on March 25 from 6-8 to display all AP courses that we offer. Departments will be holding interest meetings in the spring as well. Students must submit applications in order to be considered for these classes. Listen for announcements and read your emails on PupilPath.
- Students who are accepted into Social Science Research or Science Research will be placed in AP Capstone Seminar for 10th grade. These students have the opportunity to earn one or both of the following awards *that will be issued through the College Board*.
 - **AP Capstone Diploma™**: Granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing.
 - **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**: Granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research.
- 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

- If any student wishes to transfer from one program to another (i.e., LASI to MEDSCI), recommendation forms will be available with your guidance counselor after the 2nd Marking Period report cards, which will be distributed on April 17th.
- 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. Also make sure to let your counselor know about 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 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. Kruse 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>.