

Current 12th Grade Students

- Graduation is dependent on 44 required credits and a minimum of 5 Regents exams. If both are not met, you will not be permitted to walk in graduation or receive your diploma as per the Chancellor's Regulations. Do NOT fail your classes!!! Not only will it prevent you from graduation, you could be restricted from senior activities (i.e., prom).
- All students should be utilizing Skedula/PupilPath. 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 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.
- 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.
- Students should also be using Naviance with their college application process. There is a checklist available to students under the "College Office" tab on the Midwood website that can be used to keep students on track with their applications as well as answer questions about procedures. Make sure you are checking your messages on Naviance from the College Office!!!
- Transcripts were distributed and counselors will review with students. Please look them over and make sure that everything on there is accurate!
- Regents Exams will be given January 22-25. Students will be reminded of which exams they need to sit for, either for graduation, College Readiness, or the Advanced Regents Diploma. Make sure you are studying if you still need Regents to graduate. Contact individual departments for Regents Prep schedules.
- As per the CUNY College Readiness initiative, students are encouraged to score a 70+ on the Common Core Math, and a 75+ on the English Regents/Common Core Exam. If you have not met these criteria, you will be automatically signed up for the exams. If you choose not to sit for the exam, please let your guidance counselor know so it can be dropped.
- If you are failing any classes after the first marking period, you need to reach out to your teachers and take advantage of tutoring. Do NOT wait until January!
- All students should be working on their college applications and should have met with one of the college advisors.
- All students should have a resume put together. You can use the resume-building tool on Naviance as a guide.
- Be aware of all deadlines put forth by the college office!!! If you miss a deadline, it could affect the timeliness of your application. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!!
- **Folders must be complete by NOVEMBER 14, 2018!!** All documents that are needed are on the Midwood website. Folders completed after November 14th may not get out by the January 1st deadline.
- Seniors must pick up a **BLUE TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM** which is in room 445 and return it **SIGNED BY A PARENT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 14, 2018.**
- Make sure your Common app and Naviance are matched. The College Office can't submit your documents unless this is done. Instructions were sent out via e-mail on September 27 on Naviance and Pupilpath.
- All seniors should have sat for the SAT or ACT at least once by now. Register online at www.collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org. You should utilize these websites regularly.

- **Each student is responsible for sending their SAT and/or ACT scores to the colleges that they are applying to. The College Office does not send your test scores.** SAT/ACT should not be taken after December.
- Please use the Midwood website and Naviance for all documents that you will need for your college applications. Students are responsible for printing out their own documents. This will NOT be done by the college office. *There is a College Handbook on the website that has all the information that you will need. Please refer to this!!*
- **APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!!!** Scholarship lists are posted on Naviance, or websites like Chegg, Fastweb, Cappex, etc.
- FAFSA, TAP, AND CSS Profile are now active and students can start filling them out. Check your college websites for financial aid requirements and deadlines! Please do not wait to fill this out!
- Please pay attention to college costs and consider what kind of debt you are entering into. Make sure you attend Financial Aid workshops to get information that will assist you.
- College Fair is on Wednesday, October 24th at Midwood from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Please be checking Naviance for visits from different college representatives throughout the school year.
- CUNY is a separate application through the CUNY Portal at www.cuny.edu. You cannot use the Common App.
- CUNY fee waivers are available for eligible students. The Fee Waiver Request forms are available online as well as in the College office. Please see the College Office for more information or to find out if you are eligible. (Keep in mind that your Family Income Inquiry Form must be filled out for us to know eligibility.)
- Let teachers who are writing your long recommendations know that they will get an email through Naviance for them to upload the recommendation.
- For students not sure about going to college, but are interested in pursuing career & technical training, NYC School of Cooperative Tech is a good option to obtain certificates and job placement.
- **Senioritis is very real, and students need to make sure that they stay focused and on-track their entire senior year.**
- Colleges reserve the right to revoke admission if your final transcript isn't up to their expectations. Colleges will receive mid-year reports as well as final transcripts, so they will see if there is a decline in performance. Do not let senioritis ruin your future plans! Stay on track and focused!
- We offer two different mentoring programs, the Big Brother Program (Ms. Sethi and Ms. Powell supervise and it runs Mondays and Wednesdays) and the Big Sister Program (Ms. Simon and Ms. Fitzpatrick 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. If you would like to be a mentor/tutor, please see Ms. Sethi in Room 156B, Ms. Fitzpatrick in Room 115 or Ms. Simon and Ms. Powell in Room 132. It is a great opportunity to earn service credit and looks great on your resume/college applications.
- Applications for Arista and/or Archon honor societies can be accessed on the Midwood Website or from your guidance counselor, and are due to Ms. Daniels in room 115 by the end of January. 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 90% over 7 semesters and shown a record of service to the school. Credits are accumulated on a GO card, which students can purchase for \$5 from Mr. Kolotkin in room 417.
- 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. It is also important that the information you are supplying to colleges matches what Midwood has on file!!!

- 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 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. 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.