12th Grade Parent Meeting

Sponsored By The Counseling Department
Montgomery Blair High School

September 2017
Agenda

Welcome: Mrs. Johnson & Ms. Richardson
Yearbook Information
Senior Class Information
Counseling Department Information
College Application Process
Transcript Request Process
College/Career Center Information
Financial Aid & Scholarship Information
• After the introductions section of the program, parents who would like to hear the presentation in Spanish will have an opportunity to transition to the Career Center (121).

Después de las Introducciones de la sección del programa, los padres que quieren escuchar la presentación en Español tendrán la oportunidad de ir al Career Center.
# Counseling Assignments

**Resource Counselor**

Jane Godwin (X - Y - Z)

## Counselors

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Information from the Yearbook
Advisor

• Dr. Simel
HEY Senior Blazer Parents!

Silverlogue is back, and better than ever!
Welcome from
YOUR AWARD-WINNING SILVERLOGUE
SALE SALE SALE

• Make sure you get your high schooler a yearbook as soon as you can!
• $85 + tax until September 29th .... yes, that’s in two days!
• $90 + tax from September 30th to January 31st
• After January 31st the cost rises to $95 + tax (original price)
• Additional products available (i.e. personalization)
• Jostens.com
Personalization
Personalization Icons
• Buy an ad! Support your child or their sports team!
• You can recognize the hard work of students at Blair
• Until October 31st, ad space in the yearbook is discounted!
• If interested in an ad, please complete the blue sheet and drop off at the yearbook table.
Recognition Ad Example
Business/Recognition Combo Ad Example
Business Ad Example

10% OFF

WITH YOUR BLAIR ID

MASA
HIBACHI
STEAKHOUSE & SUSHI

NOT TO BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER OFFERS*
PARENTS-- SUBMIT YOUR SENIOR’S BABY PHOTOS NOW SO THEY CAN BE IN THE YEARBOOK!

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 10TH
SEND TO: BABYPHOTOS2K18@GMAIL.COM

IT’S FREE, SO SUBMIT TODAY!
Reserve now, pay later! Get the discount!

If you want to reserve your yearbook, please fill out the Gold form given to you, or at the yearbook table. Include your child’s name and ID number and drop off the form at the yearbook table and we’ll send you an invoice. It’s that simple!
Replay It

• Download the *Replay It* app to upload any photos of your child today!
• Free of cost
Information From The Senior Class Sponsor

Roxanne Fus
• The remainder of the program will also be translated into Spanish. If you would like to hear the presentation in Spanish, at this time please go to the Career Center in room 121.

• El resto de el programa tambien sera traducido al Español. Si le gustaria escuchar la presentacion en Español, por favor ir al cuarto 121-Career Center.
Counseling Department
Information

College/Career Information Coordinator
Mrs. Phalia A.J. West
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Ms. Katrele Carroll
Katrele_A_Carroll@mcpsmd.org

Registrar's Office
Ms. Rosa Ponce
301-649-2822

Secretaries
Ms. Dee Shub
Ms. Estrella Flores
301-649-2810
Counseling Department Information

Office Hours
7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Counseling Office Phone
301-649-2810

Email Addresses
Go to www.mbhs.edu

Twitter: @MBHSCounseling
Graduation Requirements

- 22 credits in required courses
- Math in Senior Year
- High School Assessments/PARCC
- Student Service Learning Hours
Graduation Requirements

High School Assessments

- The State of Maryland requires students to successfully complete the necessary requirements for statewide assessments (HSA or PARCC) in Algebra 1, Biology, English 10 & NSL Government.

- For more information about this requirement visit www.mcpshsa.org
Graduation Requirements

- **Student Service Learning Hours**
  - Students must earn a minimum of 75 SSL Hours.
  - Those who earn 260+ hours will receive a purple tassel to wear at graduation.

- For more information please see contact Ms. Beth Sanchez at 301-649-2800 or Beth_S_Sanchez@mcpsmd.org
College Application Process

Types of Admission Options

Non-Restrictive Application Plans
• Regular Decision
• Rolling Admission
• Early Action
• Priority Deadline (UMCP-Nov 1)

Restrictive Application Process
• Early Decision
• Restrictive Early Action Plan
College Application Process

What Has Happened So Far:

- Trailblazer College/Career Planning Information Given Spring of Junior Year
- 11th grade parent meeting
- Counselor Visits To 12th Grade English Classes
- College Visits & Tours
- College Representatives In The Career Center
- College Fairs
- Students should have taken (or are in the process of taking) college entrance exams (SAT, ACT, and in some cases the SAT Subject test(s)).
College Application Process

Students received a Trailblazer College/Career Planning Information packet in the Spring of junior year. The following items are required **BEFORE** requesting official transcripts:

- Student Self-Evaluation Survey (online)
- Four Year Summary of Activities/Resume
- Parent Questionnaire (online)
- Authorization to Release Records Form
- Blue Teacher Checklists
College Application Process

What To Do....

- Complete Application (Online or Common App is Preferred)
- Request Teacher Recommendations (ask teachers in person & request in Naviance)
- Request Transcript/Counselor Letter (Use official transcript request form from the Registrar’s office)
- Complete Essays (if needed)
- Send SAT or ACT scores to colleges (from College Board or ACT directly)
- Prepare for interview (if needed)
Transcript Request Process

Student Responsibilities

- Complete all Trailblazer documents
- Create a Common App account & link it to your Naviance account
- Create Coalition Application account (if needed). Be sure to select
- Add your college(s) to the “List of Schools I am Applying to” in Naviance.
- Complete Request for Official Transcript Request Form
  - For the first transcript request, the student’s counselor must initial the form
  - Submit request **30 days** prior to deadline
  - Refer to the handout for more details
Transcript Request Process

Counselor & Registrar Responsibilities

- **Counselor** completes Secondary School Report & Recommendation Letter
- **Registrar** sends official transcript, secondary school report, and school profile.
- MCPS is able to send transcripts & letters of recommendation electronically to most colleges & universities.
My school uses Maia Learning/Naviance/Parchment/etc.—can I still send materials if my students use the Coalition Application?
There is no disruption to your school-based process of sending electronic materials on a student’s behalf when they use the Coalition Application. In Naviance, for instance, you will send materials directly to the college/university through eDocs. Counselors can continue to send materials as they always have and the colleges and universities will receive those materials.

Students can simply check a box when they get to the Official Documents portion of their Coalition Application confirming that the school will send materials via another route or platform.
Phalia West
Montgomery Blair High School
College/Career Information Coordinator

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College/Career Center Resources

- Information on College Fairs, College Tours, & Visits
- SAT & ACT Registration & Test Prep Materials
- Blair Career Notes (email)
- Information Sessions With College Representatives
- College/Career Inquiry Software (Naviance)
- College/University Brochures & College Guides
- Computers for College and Career Searches
- Employment & Internship Information
- College Essay Review
- Mock Interview
- Summer Program Information
- Dual Enrollment
Naviance/Family Connections

Family Connections/Naviance can help students & parents with:

- Searching for colleges, research careers, & locate scholarships
- Using scattergrams to see how other Blair students fared at specific colleges
- Seeing the list of upcoming college visits in the Career Center
- Getting Career Center Notes with announcements and important information
- Resume
- Completing a personality inventory
Naviance/Family Connections

How To Get A Family Connections Account

- During Back-To-School Night, stop by the Counseling office to get your access code to set up your Naviance/Family Connections account.
- All students should have an account already. If not, they can stop by their counselor’s office or the Career Center to get their Family Connections account activated.

Try Out Naviance/Family Connections With A Guest Account

- Go to the www.mbhs.edu
- Click on Counseling
- Click on Naviance/Family Connections
- Click on “I’m a guest” and then type in the password 210965
- Click on COLLEGES and you can view some of the information you will have access to when you get your own Naviance/Family Connections account.
Financial Aid & Scholarships

Sources of Financial Aid
- Federal Financial Aid
- State Financial Aid
- Institutional Financial Aid (from the college)
- Private Sources of Financial Aid

Types of Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Grants
- Employment
- Merit
- Loans
Financial Aid & Scholarships

How To Find Out More About Financial Aid

- Scholarship Search on Family Connections
- Career Notes emails from the College/Career Center
- FAFSA (Completed in senior year)
  - Can file as early as October 1
- FAFSA4Caster.com
- CSS Profile
- College and University Scholarships
- State of MD Financial Aid: March 1 deadline
- Other Sources: religious groups, private organization, work related
Key Websites

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.act.org
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.mhec.state.md.us
- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeanswer.com
- www.collegeview.com
- www.collegesavings.org
- www.collegescoreboard.ed.gov
Upcoming Events

- Financial Aid Night, October 5
- College Readiness Day-Activities For Seniors, Oct 11
- Hispanic College Fair, November 7
- ASVAB- February 2, 2018
- Historically Black College/University Fair, Feb 9

Talk with your student’s counselor or the College/Career Information Coordinator for more information about these events.
Thank you for coming!

- This presentation will be available on the Counseling Webpage.