DCC REGISTRATION INFORMATION MEETING

FOR PARENTS OF INCOMING 9TH GRADE STUDENTS

MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 8 2017
GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Renay Johnson
THE CLASS OF 2021
ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Suzanne Harvey
GREETINGS FROM
THE PTSA

Ms. Diane Friedman, PTSA President
INFORMATION FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Ms. Rita Boule
Mission of Blair Athletics: To provide our student-athletes with opportunities to successfully compete in an interscholastic athletic program that is an extension of their educational experience and academic program and to improve their interpersonal, athletic, and leadership skills which will enable them to apply these skills throughout their lives.

Three Sports Seasons: Fall (starts on August 9), Winter (starts on November 15) and Spring (starts on March 1).

Need required forms in order to play a sport! See website or MCPS.

Students trying out for a sport must go through a clearance before the first day of tryouts. Clearance dates are posted on the Blair Athletics website blairblazersathletics.com and the Boosters website blairbooster.org.

FALL SPORTS START ON AUGUST 9 – THERE WILL BE INTEREST MEETINGS AND INFORMATION SENT TO MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN MAY FOR SUMMER CONDITIONING AND PROGRAMS. IF INTERESTED, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE COACH.
BLAZER ATHLETICS

27 Varsity teams, 12 JV teams + 3 Coed Teams

Fall –
11 sports, 16 teams
- Football
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Field Hockey
- Girls Tennis
- Cross Country
- Girls Volleyball
- Golf
- Team Handball
- Cheerleading (2 seasons)
- Poms (2 seasons)

Winter –
6 sports, 9 teams
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Swim and Dive
- Wrestling
- Indoor Track
- Bocce

Spring –
10 sports, 14 teams
- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys Lacrosse
- Girls Lacrosse
- Track and Field
- Gymnastics
- Boys Volleyball
- Coed Volleyball
- Boys Tennis
- Allied Handball
On average the GPA of a Student-Athlete at Blair is **3.26**.

Eligibility Requirements: 2.0 and no E’s

*Exception – 1st quarter of 9th grade year all students are eligible

Student-Athlete Expectations:
1. Exhibit public behavior that will reflect positively on the team, school, and community.
2. Exhibit responsible, respectful, and trustworthy behavior to teammates and the coach.
3. Exert efforts to maintain a high level of academic achievement.

Contact the Athletic Director, Rita Boulé, if have questions or concerns.
   - Rita_J_Boule@mcpsmd.org
GREETINGS FROM THE 9TH GRADE ACADEMY

Mr. Adam Clay
9th Grade Academy

- Designed to make this large school a bit smaller for incoming freshmen.
- Communication between home and school is a priority.
- Core classes are held in 9th grade wing on 2nd floor.
- The 9th Grade Academy students are divided into 5 teams.
- Teams consist of an English and history teacher, along with counselors, administration, and other staff.
- Teams monitor students’ academics, attendance, and behavior.
- Teams meet regularly to support student needs.
Rationale & Benefits of the 9th Grade Academy

- To ease the transition from middle school to high school
- To create a structure to better connect students to staff, supports, and resources available at Blair
- To increase academic rigor and student retention
- To enhance school climate
- To increase academic achievement
- To build stronger student-teacher relationships
- To promote opportunities for personal growth
- To integrate academic and technical skills
- To develop awareness of college/career options
COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Resource Counselor: Jane Godwin

A-Ben  Mr. Roland Hollins
Ber-Coq  Mr. Kirk Simms
Cor-Fla  Ms. Susanne Bray
Flo-Ham  Ms. Emily Putney
Han-Kha  Dr. Daryl Howard
Khr-Marr  Ms. Leanna Binick
Mars-Nd  Mr. Alphonso Burwell
Ne-O  Ms. Rachel Greene
P-Rom  Ms. Antia Reddicks
Ron-Ta  Ms. Charlain Bailey
Tb-X  Ms. Jennifer Taylor
Y-Z  Ms. Jane Godwin
METS I, II and ESOL 1 Students  Mr. John Reed
PROGRAMS & ACADEMIES @ BLAIR

- Ninth Grade Academy
- Science, Math, & Computer Science Magnet Program
- Communications Arts Program (CAP)
- ESOL Program
- Career Academies
  - Entrepreneurship & Business Management
  - Human Services Professions
  - International Studies & Law
  - Media, Music & the Arts
  - Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math
PROGRAMS & ACADEMIES @ BLAIR

NINTH GRADE ACADEMY LEAD
Mr. Adam Clay

ACADEMIES COORDINATOR
Ms. Leslie Blaha

COMMUNICATION ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Ms. Sarah Fillman

SCIENCE, MATH, & COMPUTER SCIENCE MAGNET PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Mr. Peter Ostrander

ESOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Ms. Debra Adler

*PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES CAN BE FOUND ON THE MBHS WEBSITE.
RESOURCES @ BLAIR

- Academic Support (tutoring by departments at lunch and after school)
- George B. Thomas Learning Academy
- Student Planbook
- Edline, Interims, & Report Cards
- Counseling Services
- RecZone (after school)
- Extra-Curricular Activities & Clubs
- MBHS Website
- ListServ
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Evening Parent Meetings
- College/Career Information Center
REGISTRATION PROCESS & TIMELINE

JANUARY
- Middle school teachers enter recommendations for students in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, & Foreign Language.

FEBRUARY
- Students receive registration cards and parent reviews card with students.
- Parents/Students return registration card to middle school counselor.
- Registration cards are sent to the high school.
REGISTRATION PROCESS & TIMELINE

MID-APRIL

➢ Printout of course selections are mailed home, listing the classes students have signed up for.

MAY 1

➢ Deadline for students to return course requests with any changes or corrections. If there are no changes or corrections, there is no need to return this form. Change requests after this date are not guaranteed.
PRIVATE SCHOOL & HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS

Please contact Ms. Dee Shub (secretary) at 301-649-2810 to schedule an appointment to come in to finalize the registration process for your student. She will let you know what documents may still be needed.
REGISTRATION MATERIALS

STUDENTS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS DURING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION VISITS:

- MCPS Course Bulletin – all courses offered at any MCPS high school.
- Blair Registration Information Handbook – Only courses offered at Blair.
- Registration Card (with recommendations from middle school teachers)
- Level Change Form (if needed)

Registration materials are posted on the Counseling page of the MBHS website. Visit www.mbhs.edu to see these
HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

FOR GRADUATION:

- English (4 Credits)
- Science (3 Credits)
- Social Studies (3 Credits)
- Mathematics (4 Credits **AND** must be taken all 4 years)
- Physical Education (1 Credit)
- Health (.5 Credits)
- Fine Arts (1 Credit)
- Technology Education (1 Credit)
- Completer Program (must do one of the following)
  - 2 credits World Language
  - 2 credits Advanced Technology Education
  - 3-9 credits Career Development Program

WHAT MOST COLLEGES WANT TO SEE:

- English (4 Credits)
- Science (3 – 4 or more)
- Social Studies (3 – 4 or more)
- Mathematics (4 or more)
- World Languages (3 – 4 or more)
- Honors and Advanced Placement courses
- Elective courses that enhance educational program
ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING HOURS (SSL)- 75 HOURS
- HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (HSA)
  - Biology
  - Government
- PARCC
  - English 10
  - Algebra 1

- Questions about the HSAs and PARCC assessments, contact Ms. Lavina Carrillo at Lavina_Carrillo@mcpsmd.org
- Or visit the Maryland State Department of Education website: www.marylandpublicschools.org.
EARNING HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students can earn credit for high school courses taken in middle school.

Examples: World Language courses, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2.
SAMPLE 9TH GRADE SCHEDULE

➢ English 9
➢ US History
➢ Math
➢ Science
➢ Foreign Language OR Elective
➢ Elective
➢ Elective
REMINDERS....

STUDENTS SHOULD:

- Plan their schedules keeping the end in mind. (college/career)
- Take Graduation Requirements (PE, Fine Art, Tech Ed, Completer)
- Select alternate courses and put them on the registration card
- Review the registration card/course selections with parents
- Have parents and student sign the registration card
- Return the registration card to your middle school counselor by February 10.
REMEMBER YOUR GOAL....