WELCOME TO MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

LET’S TOUR BLAIR
HOME OF THE BLAZERS
Meeting Expectations

Mute microphones during the meeting

Use the raise hands icon to ask questions/ make comments or ask your questions by typing them on the chat
Outcomes

By the end of this presentation we will have:

- Introduced the Montgomery Blair Administrative Team
- Reviewed preparation for Virtual Learning
- Reviewed Montgomery Blair High School contact information
- Reviewed virtual classroom etiquette
- Reviewed the virtual schedule
- Introduced the 9th Grade Academy Team
- Received Counselor assignment
- Reviewed the Athletic Program
- Received information about the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion program
- Received information for myMCPS Classroom and Synergy
- Received Montgomery Blair contact information
- Participated in a virtual tour
Montgomery Blair High School
Leadership Structure

Principal: Renay Johnson
Asst. Principal, 9th Grade: A-L-Lavina Carrillo - lavina_carrillo@mcpsmd.org
                              M-Z-Tracy Pettis-Jones - tracy_pettis-jones@mcpsmd.org
Asst. Principal, 10th Grade: A-L-Dirk Cauley
Asst. School Administrator 10th Grade: M-Z- Candace Wilkerson
Asst. Principal, 11th Grade: Joseph Fanning
Asst. Principal, 12th Grade: Adriana Burgos-Ojeda
CAP Coordinator: Sarah Fillman
Magnet Coordinator: Peter Ostrander
VIRTUAL LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

- **MCPS will remain in a virtual-only instructional model through the first semester—January 29, 2021.**

- **Live Instruction and Engagement:** All students will have live (synchronous) instruction and a full day of instructional experiences.

- Students will have **four full class periods per day** and will also be provided time for additional live academic and/or social-emotional support. Each class will meet at least two times each week.

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM CHECKLIST

1. Be dressed/groomed in a manner appropriate for a classroom.
2. Have all materials ready for class. This include writing supplies, books, required notes, etc.
3. Set up at a location with minimal distractions. No virtual backgrounds.
4. Remain seated at your work station for the entirety of your class session.
5. Be on time for class. Class will begin at the time it is scheduled. Allow a few minutes to log on and set up your audio and video.
6. Be respectful of the learning process. Holding up any signs, pictures, and inappropriate facial gestures not associated with the lesson is not permitted.
7. Only chat with the teacher. Messaging other students at any time; other than the time designated by the teacher for lesson discussions is not permitted.
As we begin our school year, we expect students to:

- Camera On
- Mic Muted
- Chat for questions and concerns
- Don’t take pics on Zoom

Students behavior are subject to the MCPS Student Code of Conduct. ([Student Code of Conduct Book](#))

Student activity and behavior is recorded for the purposes of student and classroom safety.

There is no anonymous usage of MCPS-sponsored platforms (Zoom, MyMCPS Classroom, Google Classroom, etc.) and any inappropriate behavior will be quickly addressed.
Montgomery Blair High School Semester 1 Schedule

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Blazers
Secondary

- Students work on **self-paced work** for the week from all of their classes.
- May also:
  - **Access** the teachers for the periods listed.
  - Attendance at these periods is **optional**
  - **Can require students** to attend if requested by the teacher.

- Special education and related services may be delivered throughout the day.
Half Days (Formally Early Release Days):
8:45-1:00 all levels (ES, MS, HS); including lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Middle/High
  - Half days run 30 minute class periods for the periods scheduled for that day.
  - 9-9:30, 9:40-10:10, 10:20-10:50, 11:00-11:30

Short Weeks/Weeks with Holidays or Professional Days

On the afternoon of a ½ day or any full day professional day, the time is unmanaged

- SECONDARY: In order to prioritize live instruction, Wednesday’s during weeks that are less than 5 days will become another instructional day to reflect the day missed, and virtual check-in’s will not occur.
GRADING

- MCPS will use a more standardized and traditional grading system for the fall semester.

ENGAGEMENT

- Be sure your camera is on, unless you opt-out.
- Conduct appropriate Zoom behavior.
- Montgomery Blair will continue to analyze and track individual student engagement and create agile outreach and case management action plans to address student needs and analyze the quality of student engagement.

ATTENDANCE

- Attend all classes.
- Daily attendance will be recorded.
- If absence a Google Form must be completed to attest you viewed the lesson for all courses and all days absent.
- A emailed note must be sent to Ms. Roxanne Fus, attendance secretary if a student will be absent for a full or partial school day; explaining the reason for the absence: Roxanne_F_Fus@mcpsmd.org

All absences for which no documentation is received will be listed as unexcused.
Attendance and Engagement

Present
- Zoom Report: Student logs into the Zoom class (no matter the amount of time they stay)
- Live roll call
- Discussion thread or attendance check in myMCPS

Absent
- Student does not log into the Zoom class, engage in discussion thread or complete attendance check in myMCPS

Attendance must be entered into Synergy by end of duty day
Attendance and Engagement

Recorded Sessions

● If a student is absent during the live sessions, they can access the recorded lesson within 72 hours.

● Student/Parent/Guardian must attest to viewing the recording by completing the school-specific Attendance Google Form found on the school’s website.

● The attendance secretary will then reconcile the absence to ‘Present - Other’.

● Well-being teams should follow up with students regarding recurring absences and potential needs.
VIRTUAL LEARNING ESSENTIALS INFORMATION

Technology:
- All students will be provided with the technology and support they need to fully engage in virtual-only learning.
- Chromebooks Pick-Up: Montgomery Blair, August 24-28 by last names; Friday is make-up day from 9:00-3:30 p.m.
- MiFi Hotspot upon request through this link: Hotspot request
- MCPS Username and Password: Login & passwords will NOT be changed for the start of the school year. For more info, contact Andrea Lamphier, andrea_lamphier@mcpsmd.org

Meal Service:
- Montgomery Blair is a meal distribution site. Meals will be served from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (no meal service on Thursday) and students/families will need the student identification number and/or letter with barcode in order to pick up a meal.

Materials:
- Distribution of Essential Instructional materials, such as books, supplies, and Blair Wear, will be distributed on September 14th-18th by last name.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 31: Look for an email from your 1st period teacher with instructions to join class on Zoom at 9 am! Zoom links and other information will also be posted in MyMCPS Classroom (Canvas). (Check email daily) Video to Access MyMCPS Classroom
INTRODUCING
9TH GRADE ACADEMY LEADERS

Amy Ahrens
Adam Clay
Erin Conley
Peter Young
Dave Goldberg
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, support 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
Fall Play Through Zoom!

The Fall Play this year will be *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and it will be performed through Zoom. There will be two casts. More information will be available on the Blair website.

Performances will be in November. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. O’Connor @ Kelly_n_o’connor@mcpsmd.org.
WHO IS YOUR COUNSELOR?

- A-Beo → Ms. Agbedina
- Bep-Chk → Mr. Simms
- Chl - D → Ms. Sharma
- E-Gom → Mr. Overton
- Gon-Hur → Ms. Putney
- Hus-Lee → Ms. Clark
- Lef-Mem → Ms. Cho
- Men-Oj → Mr. Burwell
- Ok-Rh → Ms. Reddicks
- Ri - Sim → Ms. Poole
- Sin-Vel → Ms. Greene
- Vem - Z → Ms. Russ
- METS, ESOL 1 & 2 → Ms. Contreras

How to “speak” with your counselor:
- Remind App
- Email
- Look at their appointment calendar and select a time!
School Counseling Department

Support Staff

We have several individuals that support our department and you all as well! They include:

- Ms. Carmen Salazar, College & Career Information Coordinator
- Ms. Dee Shub & Mrs. Estrella Flores, Counseling Secretaries
- Ms. Rosa Ponce & Mrs. Jaime Fuller, Registrars
- Ms. Janice Campbell, School Psychologist (grade 10-12)
- Dr. Toria Simpson, School Psychologist (grade 9)
- Ms. Ramona Washington, Pupil Personnel Worker
- Ms. Faye Nabavian, Parent Community Coordinator
- Ms. Monica Burgos, ACES Coordinator

Their contact information can be found on our website! Look out for our Virtual Office on a later slide to find more info!
Accessing Your Schedules

You should have received a letter from MCPS through mail and email with directions on how to access your school schedule online.

Your teachers will also be sending our “Welcome” messages to you all this week!
Welcome to Montgomery Blair’s School Counseling Virtual Office
Click on any of the pics to find helpful resources!
Keep stopping by as there will be continuous updates!
ATHLETICS

Rita Boule

Click here to learn the most up to date information on Blair Blazer Athletics for the 2020-21 school year.
Our Mission: 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.

The 1st semester of Athletics operations will be virtual, while the second semester will hopefully allow for in-person engagement. Both semesters will feature sport seasons that maximize the opportunities for students to participate in the program, across all interscholastic sports. The 2nd semester will be administered in alignment with CDC, state and county health guidelines.

The 1st semester of program operations for MCPS Athletics will be virtual and will feature three sport seasons, which will be conducted during the first semester. All students are eligible. The 5 week seasons are as follows:

Fall Season: Sept 14 – Oct 16,2020

Winter Season: Oct 26 – Dec 4,2020

Blair Blazer Athletics - Currently 2020-2021

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Note: Each season will be done virtually while current health conditions remain and move into next phase when allowed according to local health guidelines and systems in place.
If you are interested in participating in a sport this virtual FALL SEASON, you must register online:
https://forms.gle/S2mrCqEyii7cHYEe7
Montgomery Blair Blazers Athletics

The registration form and coach information can also be found at the website: [https://blairblazersathletics.com/](https://blairblazersathletics.com/)

For the sports programs engaging student-athletes in virtual physical activities, students must have a valid physical on file with the school. Given the unprecedented circumstances, for students who are unable to secure an updated physical, MCPS will extend the expiration date of an existing physical by one calendar year. **To the extent a student does not have a physical on file with the school, the student will need to obtain one.** Due to the strenuous nature of selected activities, each student is encouraged to consult their physician concerning fitness to participate in the program. During any live engagement, parents/guardians and students must ensure that surroundings are free of obstacles and that an appropriate plan is in place on how to access help in the event of an emergency. **The correct form for obtaining a new physical can be found here:** [High School Athletics Medical Clearance/Physical Form](#).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Blair Athletic Director, Rita Boulé at Rita_J_Boule@mcpsmd.org.
## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Blair

**Rahman A. Culver**

### Opportunities and Supports

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- BlackCAP (Communication Arts Program)
- Minority Scholars Program
- Conexiones
- Pride+
- and more

For more information, contact: rahman.a.culver@mcpsmd.net
MYMCPS/CANVAS & SYNERGY

• MYMCPS is the system that allows parents and students to check their grades and assignments.
• Students can view schedules on August 26, 2020

School Contacts:
Melissa Young: melissa_young@mcpsmd.org
Andrea Lamphier: andrea_lamphier@mcpsmd.org

myMCPS Classroom Link:  https://classroom.mcpsmd.org/

How to access student Google account:
Accessing Google Account - click for information

To login into ParentVUE visit:
https://md-mcps-psv.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx

ParentVUE Activation Communication:
• activation information was sent by email to the email address on file or if no email exist by mail.
• difficulty with activating accounts, or you did not receive communication, please contact the help line at 240-740-7023.

Parent Webinar Series - click link for training
Whom should you contact?

- **Individual class question**: Teachers
- **General student performance**: Team Leader
- **Scheduling questions/Health/Accommodations concerns**: Counselors
  - Counseling Department
- **Child’s absence**: Ms. Roxanne Fus- Roxanne_F_Fus@mcpsmd.org
- **Administrative concerns**:
  - Ms. Carrillo- Lavina_Carrillo@mcpsmd.org (Last Name A-L)
  - Ms. Pettis-Jones- Tracy_Pettis-Jones@mcpsmd.org (Last Name M-Z)
Welcome to Ninth Grade Virtual Student Orientation

Objectives

✔ Navigate through the virtual classroom, click anywhere
✔ Take a virtual tour of Montgomery Blair High School
✔ Meet the Administrative Team
✔ Explore our books and learn of the different departments
✔ Meet the Department Resource Teachers
✔ Meet the 9th Grade Team Leaders
✔ Get to know your counselor
✔ Learn how to access your schedule
✔ Let’s have some fun and engage in a virtual scavenger hunt

Welcome Back to Montgomery Blair High School

Let’s Play!
Submit and claim your prize the week of September 14

Scavenger Hunt

Welcome Back Video!
Check-out our Welcome Back Video!
Career and Technology Education

Jimmy Street
Required English Courses
All students must take four credits (eight semesters) of English to graduate. Some students may take ESOL courses in place of some or all of their English graduation requirements.
Fine Arts

Jacqueline Armstead-Thomas

Click the image above to learn more
Health & Physical Education

Rob McMahon

Click the image above to learn more
Math

Celita Davis

Montgomery Blair's Mathematics Department

Blair Math in Pictures

SUCCESSFUL MATH DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

- 1st Annual STEM celebration for feeder Elementary Schools (Science/Math Honors Societies)-Sept. 2019
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society (Tutoring, Installation of New Members)
- Math Student of the Month (Certificate, Picture, Pin)
- Bilingual Math Opportunities in Algebra and Geometry
- Focus on Algebra to strengthen our neediest students
- Use of EOL data from Performance Matters to select SLO students
- Pi Day Celebration

Blair Math Support

- Individual Teacher Hours
- Math Help Rooms—zoom online, with our Mu Alpha Theta Honors Society
- BLISS tutors online
- George B. Thomas online, Saturday School

Summer Support

- Online Summer Math Packets (Delta Math)
- Summer Math Program (Online)

For more information, please email Mrs. Celita Davis, Math RT

Click the image above to learn more
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Science Website

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Secondary Science

Blair Virtual Classroom
Special Education
Terel Reid
World Languages
Brenda Barrera Mercado

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Counseling
Makeyda Soriano

Montgomery Blair High School
School Counseling

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Blazers Read. Everywhere. We miss you!
College and Career Center
Carmen Salazar