

High School Happenings January 21, 2020

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• News and Information

- **Advanced Placement Exam Ordering Update:** There is a brief window for any Advanced Placement student currently enrolled in an Advanced Placement course at Methacton High School to purchase an AP exam incurring the late fee of \$40. Students have until Feb. 3, 2020 to purchase these exams. This is the absolute last date per Methacton guidelines. Please contact Dr. Karey Kochenour, kkochenour@methacton.org for further information.
- **Class of 2020 Requesting Mid-Year Transcripts:** Step by step directions for requesting mid-year transcripts have been e-mailed to each Senior through school e-mail as well as Naviance. These instructions have also been added to the Class of 2020 Google classroom. Some key points to remember are mid-year transcripts will not be ready to be released until sometime after report cards are posted. Once transcripts are ready and a request is made, the Counseling office requires ten (10) days to process any request. Counselors will automatically send out mid-year transcripts to all Common Application schools. Only transcripts for non-Common App schools need to be requested. Please encourage your Senior student to check school e-mail, Naviance or the 2020 Google classroom for detailed instructions.
- **Class of 2020 Senior Banquet:** The banquet will take place on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM at Presidential Catering, 2910 DeKalb Pike in East Norriton. Tickets will be on sale in all lunches from February 10-13. Tickets cost \$35 and can be purchased via cash or check made payable to Methacton Activities Fund. Students must have their student ID to purchase a ticket and must satisfy any outstanding obligations prior to purchasing a ticket. Please contact Mrs. Minter at kminter@methacton.org or Mrs. Peterman at apeterman@methacton.org with any questions.

• Reminders

- **Mid-Term Exams:** Comprehensive exams in the form of a mid-term exam and a final exam for yearlong courses and a final exam for semester-long courses are a component of most courses at MHS. The end of the second marking period (end of first semester) is approaching in January and the first of our twice-annual exam periods will take place. MHS will follow a special schedule during this period of end-of-semester exams. Please visit the following link for additional midterm information: <https://www.methacton.org/Domain/54> It is very important for all of our MHS families to be aware of this schedule and the manner in which the school day changes during the days of exams. It is also important for our MHS

families to be aware of the academic significance of these exams. For most yearlong courses, the mid-term exam grade is averaged together with the final exam grade to reach a score that comprises twenty (20) percent of a student's total course grade. For most semester-long courses, the final exam grade counts as twenty (20) percent of a student's overall grade. Thank you in advance for your attention to the modified schedule as you plan for January and for your support of these important exams.

- **Course Selection 2020:** During the week of January 27 to January 31, school counselors will be delivering presentations to 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students in all Social Studies classes on course selection for the 2020-2021 school year. Current teachers will be making recommendations for 20-21 courses during the week of February 3 to February 7. ***These recommendations will be based on each student's current academic progress and will be guided by prerequisite requirements for courses.*** Teachers will input these recommendations into the PowerSchool portal and parents and students will be able to see these recommendations when logging into the portal. Course selection will take place in school during individual counseling sessions between students and their respective counselors sometime between February 10 and March 6 to allow for specialized confidential conversations between each student and his or her counselor. Students will receive a SmartPass from the Counseling Department when the individual session is scheduled. Parents will then have an opportunity to view these requests after they have been made. In advance of the period of course selection, please begin reviewing the Program Planning Guide (PPG) with your child so that he or she is prepared to engage in dialogue with the counselor.
- **Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment:** MHS offers a multitude of AP and Dual Enrollment courses. Please visit the following link <https://www.methacton.org/cms/lib/PA01000176/Centricity/Domain/112/AP%20Dual%20Enrollment%2019.20.3.mp4> to view a video about AP and Dual Enrollment courses as you begin to consider course selection for the 2020-2021 school year.
- **Program Planning Guide: Program Planning Guide (PPG):** The Program Planning Guide, or PPG, is the document that explains course selection in detail and outlines all the specific information regarding credit requirements for graduation, specific information relative to grade-level, course descriptions and prerequisite requirements. The PPG for the 2020-2021 school year is now posted on the MHS web page. Although actual course selection will not take place until February, parents and students are encouraged to read through the PPG together in advance and have conversations about course selection prior to the selection process in February. While discussing possible courses to select, please also make note of the **Waiver Policy**, mentioned in a previous Happenings email. Information regarding the Waiver Policy can also be found on the MHS website. Please visit the following link to view the PPG and Waiver Policy: <https://www.methacton.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1136>

Handbook Corner: Food Deliveries Not Permitted During School Day: Parents are asked to assist in reminding their children that no food deliveries from outside restaurants are allowed or accepted during the regular school day. Opportunities for purchasing food are provided to students at appropriate times during the day such as lunches. Food is made available for purchase through the District food service provider Aramark. Any food delivery from an outside restaurant, food vendor or delivery service will not be accepted by office staff and the delivery person will not be permitted to enter the building.