



MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that June is just around the corner and the school year is quickly coming to an end. April and May are always extremely eventful months at MHS. There are many county and state sporting events, AP examinations, End of Course examinations, PARCC Testing, robotics competitions, spring concerts and musicals, and the Senior Prom. Thanks to all who contribute to making these events successful, positive experiences.

We are concluding our seventh year with our block schedule. Teachers are working collaboratively to design common assessments and share best practices. This year MHS continued its Social & Emotional Learning initiative by focusing on the traits of honesty, responsibility to others and resilience. I'd like to thank everyone for their support and continued efforts in making MHS a warm and welcoming place conducive to learning.

With the marking period coming to a close and final exams approaching, I ask that you remind your child to get a good night's sleep on the evenings prior to testing and to eat a good breakfast each morning. Final examinations will be administered June 14, 15, 19, and 20. During each of the days set aside for finals, there will be an early dismissal with the last exam to end at 11:50 A.M. You will find a detailed exam schedule below. **Final report cards for the 2017-2018 school year will be viewable on June 25th via Parent Resources.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school at 609-466-7602.

Please take a moment to review the upcoming events and news that follow this letter.

Graduation information is located in this letter and is posted on the MHS website.

Additionally, please visit department webpages for summer reading assignments. Thank you and enjoy the warm weather and final days of the school year.

Respectfully,

Paul J. Popadiuk
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Final Exam Schedule and Information

I. Overview – MHS Final Examination Period

June 12- Full day of school: Students will attend all 8 classes A1-B4

June 13 and 18 (W, M) Full Days of School

1. School-wide review for Final Examinations
2. June 13th will be an “A Day” and June 18th a “B Day.”

June 14, 15, 19 and 20 (TR, F, T, W) Early Dismissal

1. Two exams per day
2. Testing periods will be 120 minutes in length.
3. Student day will begin with their first exam at 7:20 A.M. each day followed by a 30 minute break (snacks available for purchase in cafeteria), and then the second exam at 9:50 A.M.
4. **Final Examination grades reflect 12% of the final grade for the course.**

*****WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH IS A REVIEW DAY- A DAY: FULL DAY OF SCHOOL*****

II. Thursday, June 14 – Final Exams

7:20 – 9:20	Block A1 Exam
9:50 – 11:50	Block A2 Exam
11:50	School Dismissal

III. Friday, June 15 – Final Exams

7:20 – 9:20	Block A3 Exam
9:50 – 11:50	Block A4 Exam
11:50	School Dismissal

*****MONDAY, JUNE 18TH IS A REVIEW DAY- B DAY: FULL DAY OF SCHOOL*****

IV. Tuesday, June 19 – Final Exams

7:20 – 9:20	Block B1 Exam
9:50 – 11:50	Block B2 Exam
11:50	School Dismissal

V. Wednesday, June 20 – Final Exams

7:20 – 9:20	Block B3 Exam
9:50 – 11:50	Block B4 Exam
11:50	School Dismissal

VI. Make-ups can be arranged via one of the following methods:

- A. Individual appointments with teachers during exam periods.
- B. After school and summer make-ups must be arranged through the teacher (or supervisor, if teacher is unavailable) by Friday, June 22nd.

Highlights of Other Senior Class Culminating Activities

Senior Dinner Dance, June 8, will be held at St. Mary's Hall on Brooks Blvd. in Hillsborough from 6:30 to 10:30 P.M. Students must dress appropriately (semi-formal attire: **boys must wear a tie**).

Final Exams, June 14, 15, 19, and 20, will take place each day beginning at 7:20 A.M. There will be two exams administered per day.

Distribution of caps and gowns, June 20, will take place both between and after the final exam periods.

The Senior Breakfast, June 21, will take place outside, under the science wing at 7:20 A.M. prior to graduation practice. Parents of seniors conduct this activity, which is funded by the senior class.

Graduation Practice, June 21, is **mandatory** for those students choosing to be part of the commencement ceremony. **Graduates must arrive for practice on time and remain until the practice has concluded.** Dismissal time depends on the amount of time required to satisfactorily prepare for the graduation program. It will conclude no later than 2:30 P.M.

On June 21st, the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2018 will begin promptly at 6:00 P.M. Weather permitting, the ceremony will take place at Cougar Stadium. Each graduate will receive a total of six tickets. Four of these tickets may be used for outside or indoor seating (in the gymnasium in the event of inclement weather). The other two tickets may be used for outdoor seating, or in the event of inclement weather, in the Montgomery Performing Arts Center to view the ceremony on closed circuit television. Graduates will assemble in the gymnasium at 5:15 P.M. Participation in the graduation ceremony is voluntary. Any student may choose not to participate in the commencement exercise. Anyone who does not comply with the "Dress Code for Graduation" or displays inappropriate conduct will be removed from the ceremony. Remember, participating in graduation is a privilege, not a right.

Class of 2018 Graduation Ceremony Dress Code

1. Girls must wear a dress, skirt or dress pants and a blouse under their gown.
2. Boys must wear dress pants.
3. Boys must wear dress shoes and a dress shirt with a tie.
4. Jeans or shorts are not permitted.
5. Flip-flops and sneakers are not acceptable.

The graduation ceremony normally runs approximately 2.5 hours. Montgomery graduates and parents will be able to purchase graduation ceremony pictures. Graduation pictures will be of the individual student receiving their diploma and will be taken by Milan Rose. Order forms have been sent home electronically by Mr. Pachuta. Hard copies are available in the main office and on the MHS website. Payment and order envelope must be received prior to graduation. Candids will be available for purchase online through Milan Rose.

Attention Parents and Guardians of Sophomores and Juniors

Listed below are some projected costs associated with both the junior and senior years. These are approximations and are presented for planning purposes only. For further details, contact Bryan Upshaw or Vincent Figueroa, Senior Class Advisors, Colleen Shanahan and Rickey Steeb, Junior Class Advisors, or the Guidance Office at (609) 466-7602.

College Applications	\$75 - \$100 <u>each</u>
SAT Score Reports	\$11.25 for each college
Senior Pictures	Varies depending on the selected package (\$65 and up)
Senior Prom	Average cost is approximately \$100 per person
Senior Trip Payment	Payment schedule and information will be mailed home in July. Total cost is estimated to be approx. \$1475.
Yearbook	\$85 approx.

Upcoming Senior Pictures (Class of 2019) will be taken June 11th - June 15th in the MHS Media Center. Students should receive their appointment through Milan Rose next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All school events can be located on our website. Please go to www.mtsd.k12.nj.us and then select Montgomery High School. The calendar is available under “Upcoming Events” on the right hand side of the screen. The calendar is updated weekly.