



# Monroe High School

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Dear Monroe High School Class of 2021 and Parents/Guardians:

**Welcome** to MHS! The staff has been preparing for you! We are excited for your arrival and the start of your high school career. We are also excited to help with your transition from middle school to high school. There will be many changes for you but, as I have learned from polling the freshman after they arrive, the positives far outweigh the challenges, and the transition time is shorter than you might think!

**Academics:** To help with the adjustment to high school with the least amount of impact on academics, I encourage all freshman to take advantage of what Freshmen orientation, which is August 24, 2017, has to offer. For Parents: On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 during the MHS Fall Kickoff (Open House), you will meet your child's teachers and have a full selection of staff to answer your questions. We are here to help students find their niche and pursue it through their education, and to offer extra-curricular opportunities that will channel their energy and talents. MHS is second to none, in our region, for these opportunities! For example, MHS offers the most College Board Advanced Placement and Direct College courses in the county, MHS vocal and instrumental music offerings are comprehensive, and our Career and Technical Ed program offers more opportunities than some vocational colleges.

**Social:** Students anticipate the social transition as one of the biggest adjustments to high school but this usually goes smoother than they might think. Core classes will be with other 9<sup>th</sup> graders so students will see familiar faces while they are meeting new classmates. The school is big enough that students will get a break from those who do not bring out the best in them and small enough that students will find old and new friends who do. Just a few of the many benefits students will receive from attending the student orientation will be learning where their classes are located, who they will have lunch with them, and increasing their social network!

Please read the page in the registration packet that has the information regarding the handbook. This page will direct you to the online copy and if you prefer, offer you a hard copy. We stress in the handbook that to take advantage of all MHS has to offer you, attendance matters! Also, please refer to the section regarding the dress code as you put together your school wardrobe and your Homecoming dance outfit!

We are glad you are joining the Monroe High School community, and we are looking forward to making the most of our time together.

Go Trojans!

Mrs. Kreps

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**MHS Freshmen Orientation – Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

All freshmen are expected to attend. Busing will be provided except for the students staying later to take the Accuplacer. Students will turn in needed forms, have their yearbook picture taken, receive their schedule, go on a tour, learn tips from Trojan mentors about adjusting to MHS, and much more. MCCC will be here from 12:00 to 2:00 pm, to give the Accuplacer. Again, bussing will not be available after this session.

**MHS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Scheduling Opportunities During Freshmen Orientation:** If you have questions about your schedule, please sign in to see a MHS counselor/coordinator, Ms. Warnke or Mr. Hochradel, in the student service center after orientation is over. You will see where the center is on your tour! This is the BEST time to adjust your schedule.

Freshmen: Don't miss out on the following options for fall. Colleges are looking for this rigor on transcripts, especially the AP courses. Because we offer the most in the county, MHS students are highly competitive in the college admission process.

**AP Courses:** <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap> - MHS offers the most in the county.

**Direct College:** This fall, in our MHS classrooms, MCCC is offering Intro to Computer (the pre-req for the Computer Science pathway), Political Science, Sociology and Intro to Humanities. 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester, we will be offering a different selection. If you are interested in direct college, please plan to stay after orientation and report to the Student Service Center to take the Accuplacer. These direct college options are available to qualifying 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at no cost.

**Dual Enrollment:** 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades students are eligible to take classes at MCCC at no cost to them. If the classes they seek are not available, they can speak with their counselor/coordinator about classes at Owens or Washtenaw Community Colleges or other schools as needs and requests arise at reduced or no cost. One of the requirements for MCCC is a qualifying score on the Accuplacer (see below) or ACT/SAT. Again, MCCC will be here on orientation day to give the Accuplacer.

**MHS Fall Kickoff (Open House) – Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5:00 to 7:30 pm**

The whole family is invited. Students, bring your Trojan Pride tickets that you will receive at orientation. There will be drawings for yearbooks, homecoming dance tickets, family season athletic passes, T1-84 calculators, **gift certificates for school supplies and more.** You must be present to win! There will be a barbeque, and opportunities to meet teachers, visit classrooms, meet with clubs, hear the MHS Drum Line 😊, and much more.

- **Teachers:** Travel room to room to meet your teachers who will give you a Trojan Pride ticket for the drawings!
- **Student Service and Career and Technical Education Tables:**
  - College Board: 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT
  - General scheduling questions
  - Advanced Placement, Early College, Dual Enrollment and Direct College options
  - 504 and IEP questions
  - Career and College Ready course selections
  - Social/Emotional Services
- **Clubs, Athletics, Lotus Leaf, Highlighter, and Music and Drama tables**

**7:00 pm – MHS Auditorium: Principal Sandy Kreps**

- **Families new or returning to MHS:**
  - Making MHS What You Would Like It To Be!
  - How to Have a Great Year
  - Leveraging MHS-Student-Parent Partnerships

**7:30 pm Trojan Pride Ticket Drawings – Auditorium**

Turn in application at Registration Days! Even if you might not qualify, you will earn 4 Trojan Pride tickets to enter into drawings at Fall Kickoff/

### Free and Reduced Program Fee Waivers

#### **Possible savings and fee waivers based on qualifying for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program**

<b>SAT Registration with essay</b>	<b>\$54.50 – can apply 2 times – see school counselor/coordinator for a fee wavier before you submit registration. June 2017 recommended.</b>
<b>NCAA Registration</b>	<b>\$80.00 – see counselor/coordinator for guidance.</b>
<b>College Applications</b>	<b>\$200.00 – unlimited – each college has their own process – see school counselor/coordinator as to how to proceed.</b>
<b>AP Test Registration</b>	<b>\$280.00 to \$340.00 – unlimited number of tests – see Mr. Hochradel.</b>
<b>Breakfast/Lunch Program</b>	<b>\$576.00 to \$701.00 per child for one year – Apps on line or by calling 734-265-3403.</b>
<b>Possible savings</b>	<b>\$1,429.00 per child</b>

#### **TIP PROGRAM (Tuition Incentive Program)**

**You/your child may be eligible for FREE college if they qualify for the Tuition Incentive Program (TIP). Please see your post-secondary planners in Office D-238 , see their contact info on the last page or check your eligibility through the online portal found at [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg).**

The Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is an incentive program that encourages eligible students to complete high school by providing tuition assistance for the first two years of college and beyond. TIP provides assistance in two phases. **Phase I** covers tuition and mandatory fee charges for eligible students enrolled in a credit based associate degree or minimum one-year certificate program at a participating Michigan community college or public university. **Phase II** provides a maximum of \$2000 total tuition assistance for credits earned in a four – year program at an in state, degree granting college or university.

#### **Some of the participating colleges/universities:**

<b>Monroe County Community College</b>	<b>Central Michigan University</b>
<b>Eastern Michigan University</b>	<b>U of M (Ann Arbor—Dearborn—Flint</b>
<b>Grand Valley State University</b>	<b>Oakland University</b>
<b>Washtenaw Community College</b>	<b>Wayne State University</b>

To be eligible for the TIP, a student must have received Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-month period between the ages of 9 and high school graduation. The Department of Human Services (DHS) determines which students are Medicaid eligible and transmits this information to the Michigan Department of Treasury. **Please see your post-secondary planners in the Student Service or check your eligibility through the online portal found at [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg).**