Welcome Parents of the MSHS Class of 2024 !

## COUNSELOR / STUDENT ASSIGNMENIS

Assignment determined by students' last names.

- A - G $\rightarrow$ MR. TIM LYBARGER
- $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{O} \rightarrow$ MR. KEVIN FLORESS
- P-Z $\rightarrow$ MR. NEAL GARRISON


## COUNSELING SERVICES

- ACADEMIC COUNSELING
- Individual conferences for course selection
- Career counseling
- Testing (ACT, PSAT, AP, SAT)
- Military recruiters and college representatives
- College applications
- Trade schools
- Scholarships and financial aid
- Support services - Counselor \& Case Manager
- PERSONAL COUNSELING


## REGISTIRATION PROCESS

- Initial visit to MSJHS to distribute registration materials (1/8)
- Follow-up visit to finalize course selections (1/22-1/27)
- Meetings held in the spring and fall for new students \& incoming freshmen to provide orientation to MSHS


## DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MSJHS \& MSHS

MSJHS

- Lunch $\rightarrow$ One grade at a time
- Band \& Chorus / Study Hall
- No backpacks
- No cell phones

MSHS

- Lunch $\rightarrow A, B, \& C$ (all grades)
- Band \& Chorus alternate days
- Backpacks allowed
- Cell phone use allowed (at times)


## ACADEMIC CREDIIS

- 20 credits needed to graduate
- Year-long courses = 1 credit
- One-semester courses = $1 / 2$ credit
- PE = 1/4 credit
- Driver Education = No credit


## ACADEMIC COURSES

- REQUIRED
- Course is required for graduation
- If the student fails the course, it must be repeated
- Students are not permitted to drop required courses
- ELECTIVES
- Courses students choose to take
- If the student fails the course, it does not have to be repeated
- Students do not receive credit for failed courses


## GRADUAIION REQUIREMENIS

- 4 years of English, including Speech, English 1, English 2, and English 3
- 3 years of Mathematics
- 2 years of Science
- 2 years of Social Studies including
- 1 year of US History
- 1 semester of Consumer Education or its equivalent
- 1 semester of Civics
- 1 years of Career Education or Fine Arts
- 7 semesters of PE ( 1 semester will be $1 / 2$ Driver Education and $1 / 2$ PE)
- 1 semester of Health


## GRADUAIION REQUIREMENIS

- Meeting these requirements will earn a high school diploma
- These requirements alone will not meet admission requirements for a four-year college
- College admission requires more -- see course guide or website for details (both found at MSHScounselors.com)


## COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENIS

- In general...
- 4 years of English
- 3-4 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of Science
- 3 years of Social Studies
- 2-4 years of Foreign Language
- More competitive schools often require even more


## WORLD LANGUAGE

- The University of Illinois is the only public college in the state that requires 2 years of world language for admission
- 3-4 years needed to graduate
- Illinois State University requires 2 years of world language or 2 years of fine arts for admission
- Some other public colleges do not require world language for admission
- Depending on the student's major, world language may be required at the college level to graduate


## WORLD LANGUAGE RECOMMENDAIION

- College-bound students should complete level 2 of a world language in high school (French 2 or Spanish 2)
- It must be the same language (French $1+$ Spanish 1 does not equal two years of language)
- Take as many years as you can handle


## NCAA ELIGIBILITY

- Division 1 \& Division 2
- 16 core courses + GPA + ACT
- Counselor should be made aware of this as early as possible
- NCAA Eligibility Center registration - fall of senior year


## TYPES OF COURSES AT MSHS

- Regular academics
- Honors \& Advanced Placement
- Dual Credit


## CLASS RANK, GPA, HONORS POINIS

- GPA is cumulative for all four years
- Plus / minus system for grades
- Honor / AP points


## MATH PLACEMENT

- $8^{\text {th }}$ grade math class
- Grades received in $8^{\text {th }}$ grade math
- Standardized Testing
- Homework / Work Ethic
- Matrix Score


## ENGLISH PLACEMENT

- Current English grades
- Standardized testing scores
- MAP Reading scores (Fall and Winter)
- A student in regular English 1 could still potentially qualify for Honors English 2


## SUMMER SCHOOL

- Speech (Session 1 or 2))
- Driver Education Classroom (2005 Birth dates)
- Students received registration form. Also available to print online at MSHScounselors.com
- Register online beginning January 29th.


## DRIVER EDUCATION

- $1^{\text {st }}$ Quarter $\rightarrow$ April - July 2005 Birth dates
- $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quarter $\rightarrow$ August - October 2005 Birth dates
- 3 3rd Quarter $\rightarrow$ November 2005 - January 2006 Birth dates
- $4^{\text {th }}$ Quarter $\rightarrow$ February 2006 - March 2006 Birth dates
- Must pass 8 classes in two semesters prior to taking Driver Education Classroom
- Must have permit for 9 months prior to receiving drivers license

Freshmen choose 2 credits of electives

Two 1 credit (year-long) courses One 1 credit (year-long) course and two $1 / 2$ credit (one semester) courses
Four $1 / 2$ credit(one semester) courses

Choose from these courses $\rightarrow$

This sheet is available for download at MSHScounselors.com


## FRESHMAN SERVICES \& RESOURCES

- Reading Class
- Guided Study Hall
- Freshman Mentoring Program


## SKYWARD FAMIIY ACCESS

- Log on to Skyward at MSHS website
- Click "Gradebooks" tab


## YOUR HOMEWORK

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- Four $1 / 2$ credit(one semester) courses


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