



MARYVILLE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear 7th and 8th Grade Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to give you a preview of the course placement recommendation and course registration process for our 2019-20 school year. Over the next few weeks, teachers will be discussing with their students the course and placement requirements for this upcoming school year. School counselors will also be visiting classrooms and sharing registration information and materials with students in preparation for this process.

Recommendations for English, Math, Science, and Social Studies placements are based on teacher professional judgment, academic performance, and ACT projections determined through analysis of prior standardized test results. Teachers have been asked to communicate with parents if a recommendation for a different level of course placement is recommended by the teacher for the next school year.

Below are dates that may be of interest to you as we move toward the end of the school year and the development of your student's 2019-20 daily course schedule:

January 18th – February 1st - MJHS School Counselors will hold 8th grade classroom conversations with students about the 2019-20 placement and course registration process. (The MJHS School Counselors will also be onsite to review and advise 7th grade students at MRIS and CGIS at a scheduled time during this time.)

January 25th - MJHS will post all registration instructions, how-to videos, and supporting materials on the MJHS website homepage (www.maryville-schools.org/mjhs) in the top of the page under "Quick Links".

January 28th - MJHS will mail home letters inviting parents to attend parent orientation night on February 11 for rising 9th grade (current 8th grade) students and February 12 for rising 8th grade (current 7th grade) students. This letter will include information regarding electives for the upcoming school year as well as instructions for registering online.

February 1st - MJHS will host a Parent-to-Parent Breakfast from 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. to preview the registration process for parents who prefer a more personal experience, rather than the larger parent nights being hosted on February 11th and February 12th as indicated below.

February 11th - MJHS will host a rising 9th grade (current 8th grade) parent night, located in the MJHS gym beginning at 6:00 p.m. to further share registration information and provide on-campus assistance to parents who would like to register their student for 2019-20 courses following the presentation. (Please bring your student's laptop, log-in information, and ID number if you would like to register on-site.)

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February 12th - MJHS will host a rising 8th grade (current 7th grade) parent night, located in the MJHS gym beginning at 6:00 p.m. to welcome rising 8th grade parents to MJHS, share school-based information, registration information, and provide on-campus assistance to parents who would like to register their student for 2019-20 courses. (Please bring your student's laptop, log-in information, and ID number if you would like to register on-site.)

February 11th – 20th - MJHS will open the online 2019-20 course registration window in PowerSchool for students/parents to register for courses from school or home.

March 1st - MJHS will mail home student course registration verifications.

March 4th – 10th - MJHS will reopen the window in PowerSchool for students/parents to make elective course request changes.

March 27th – April 10th- MJHS School Counselors will be available to address any change of course placement requests made by parents regarding 2019-20 core academic course placements recommended by your student's teachers.

May 31st - MJHS will mail 2019-20 daily course schedules with this year's final report cards.

I hope you find this information helpful as we all progress through the course placement and registration process for the upcoming school year.

I realize the entire placement and registration process can be overwhelming and can cause anxiety, but I ask for your patience as we all work through this process together to generate the appropriate course placements and daily schedule for your student. The process takes time and there are many behind-the-scene steps that have to be completed by our office staff to create and generate student schedules for the next year.

If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to the MJHS School Counselors, your student's teacher, or me.

Sincerely,



Lisa R. McGinley
MJHS Principal