

January 2024

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to give you a preview of the registration process for the 2024-25 school year. Over the next few weeks, teachers will have discussions with your students about the course and placement requirements for the 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 are based on teacher professional judgment, academic performance, TE21 data, and ACT projections determined through analysis of prior years' standardized test results. Teachers have been asked to communicate with you if the recommendation is different from your student's current placement.

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 2024-25 course schedule:

**January 11<sup>th</sup> – January 19<sup>th</sup>** - MJHS 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will hold classroom conversations with students about the 2024-25 placement and course registration process. (The MJHS School Counselors will be onsite to advise 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at MRIS and CGIS.)

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** – MJHS will post all **registration** instructions, how-to videos, and supporting materials on the MJHS website homepage ([www.maryville-schools.org/mjhs](http://www.maryville-schools.org/mjhs)) at the top of the page under Quick Links – Registration.

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** – Invitations will be sent electronically inviting parents to attend a Parent Orientation & Elective Career Fair on February 5<sup>th</sup> for rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and February 6<sup>th</sup> for rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This invitation will include information regarding electives for the upcoming school year as well as instructions for registering online.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – MJHS will host a Parent-to-Parent Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. to preview the registration process for parents who cannot attend the evening orientation on February 5<sup>th</sup> or February 6<sup>th</sup> as indicated.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** - MJHS will open the online 2024-25 course registration window in PowerSchool for students/parents to register for courses from school, home, or any place with internet.

**February 5<sup>th</sup>** – MJHS will host a rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade (current 8<sup>th</sup> grade) orientation and elective career fair in the MJHS gym from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** – MJHS will host a rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade (current 7<sup>th</sup> grade) orientation and elective career fair in the MJHS gym from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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**March 6<sup>th</sup>** – Student course registration verifications will be passed out to students during homeroom. A notification will also be sent to parents via email.

**March 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** - MJHS will reopen the window in PowerSchool for students/parents to make elective course changes. Last day to make elective course changes for the 24-25 school year is August 20.

**March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>**- MJHS School Counselors will be available to address parent requests for change of academic placement for the 2024-25 school year.

**Before July 31, 2024** - MJHS 2024-25 course schedules will be made available in PowerSchool.

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

We also realize the entire placement and registration process can be overwhelming, but we 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-scenes steps that must 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 school counselors, your student's teacher, or an administrator.

Sincerely,  
MJHS School Counselors