



Guidance Office: **September News**

2024-25 Guidance Counselors

For the 2024-2025 school year, Mr. Ken Kabakjian (kdkabakjian@dock.org.) is the counselor for grades 9 and 11 and Mrs. Kelly Weaver (klweaver@dock.org) is the counselor for grades 10 and 12. The counselors invite you to email or call them if you have questions or concerns.

Schedule Changes

All schedule changes **for the year** will need to be completed by Friday, September 6. Changes made after this date will need the approval of parents, teachers, and a guidance counselor. From time to time, students may need to drop a class they are enrolled in. Dropping a class that they have started will be reflected on their permanent transcript with a WP (Withdraw Passing) or a WF (Withdraw Failing). Remember to check all of your classes for all 4 quarters. Please contact your guidance counselor with any questions.

SAT Information

**The SAT is only offered in digital form*



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<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i>
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 27, 2025

The easiest way to register for the SAT is online at www.Collegeboard.com. Students should set up an account with College Board. This will give them access to many tools that are available to support SAT preparation and the college search. There are also tools to assist parents. This is a recommended site for college bound students and their parents.

College Planning

Mrs. Weaver and Mr. Kabakjian will be visiting junior and senior classes this month to go over the **college application process**. All seniors should have an active SCOIR account. SCOIR is a college and career planning system that can help you discover colleges that match your personal as well as academic interests. Students at Dock will use it to navigate through the college selection and application process.



Student Support Team (SST)

The Student Support Team gathers regularly to discuss students who may be at risk. This is not a disciplinary team but one looking to provide care and support. Parents or students, are you aware of a student that is struggling with an issue? Are you concerned about a behavior of a specific group or individual student attending Dock? You may bring your concern to SST. Speak

to any of the members listed below or write out your concern and bring it to the Guidance Office. It may be done anonymously if you prefer.

For the 2024-25 school year, the Student Support Team (SST) will be:

Faculty - Mr. Gehman, Dr. SilverMoon, Ms. Clemens, and Mrs. Smith.

Guidance Counselor - Mrs. Weaver, 10th and 12th grade, Mr. Kabakjian 9th and 11th grade

Principal - Doug Hackman

Academic Support Service Offered

The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU), in conjunction with the Guidance Office, offers academic support services at Dock. Students experiencing difficulties may be referred to the MCIU reading specialist for temporary, focused instruction in reading comprehension, organizational skills, and writing. The sessions will help students improve basic academic skills and bridge the gap between their skills and grade-level material. The service is available to all students on an as-needed basis. For more information, please contact Kelly Weaver or Ken Kabakjian in the Guidance Office at 215-362-2675, ext. 5601.

Save the Date!

Back to School Night will be held on **Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30pm** beginning in the cafeteria. After several Dock updates, parents will be invited to follow their child's daily schedule to meet teachers.

Please note: This is an event for parents only.



Testing Information

Juniors and Sophomores: PSATs will be offered here at Dock on Wednesday, October 23rd. The test will be administered on the student's digital devices, so it's important that it is fully charged the night prior. On October 23rd all juniors will report to their assigned locations by 7:45 a.m. Locations will be posted on Schoology the week prior to the exam. Taking the PSAT is the first step in entering the scholarship programs conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. There is no charge for Juniors.

The Guidance Office also invites sophomores to take the PSAT's. Mrs. Weaver will visit sophomore classes to give students more information. It is optional for sophomores to take, and they do not qualify for NMSC scholarships, but it is good practice for them. All Sophomores interested in taking the PSATs this year will need to bring a check for \$20 to the guidance office no later than September 13th. Due to limited seating, available sign-up will be on a first come first serve basis.

Honduras Mini Term Donations

Dock is taking 21 students on a service trip to Honduras during Mini-Term the end of September. We are collecting various items that would benefit the people of Honduras. It would be helpful if you could donate new or used items from the list below. They could be dropped off either in the Guidance Office or Ms. Clemens room. Thanks!

- Soccer balls, needles, hand pumps.
- Notebooks, pencils, ruler, crayons, large eraser
- Washcloths, comb, nail clipper, toothbrush, soap
- Stuffed animals, dolls, baby toys, jump rope
- Work gloves, baseball caps – no USA or camo