SENIOR PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
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Senior Class Meeting with Herff Jones representative on Wed, Aug 28 at 9:15 am in MPAC

Gowns **are rented** via Herff Jones (students keep caps) – cost is $65

Cap & Gown & Announcements Ordering Dates (located at Concession Stands)
- Thurs, September 12th (all lunches & parent night from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- Friday, September 13th (all lunches)
- Friday, October 4th (all lunches)
- Friday, December 12th (all lunches) **last chance before price increases each month**
  - **Full refund for caps & gowns if students don’t graduate or decide not to participate in graduation ceremony**

Cap & Gown & Announcement Delivery Dates (located at Concession Stands)
- Wednesday, March 4th (all lunches - grad announcements only)
- Wednesday, April 15th (all lunches)
- Wednesday, May 13th (all lunches)

Contact Information: call 770-795-1626, email tcicchinelli@herffatlanta.com, or visit https://www.herffjones.com/schools/highschool/10003099000/
Olympian Yearbook & Senior Portraits

• SENIOR PORTRAITS must be taken by Prestige Studios before Monday, **September 30th**

• SENIOR QUOTES are due Monday, **September 30th**

• SENIOR ADS are due Friday, **November 15th**

• Visit [www.mhsolympian.weebly.com](http://www.mhsolympian.weebly.com) for more information and to submit Senior Quotes & Ads

• For more information, visit [https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/1717308m/10](https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/1717308m/10)

• Questions? Please contact Mr. Harding ([pharding@mareitta-city.k12.ga.us](mailto:pharding@mareitta-city.k12.ga.us)) or see him in H124.
## Graduation Requirements

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<td>.5 credit each</td>
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<td><strong>Electives</strong></td>
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<td>Examples: Journalism, Team Sports, etc.</td>
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Why Students Meet With School Counselors

• Class schedule issues
• Transcript questions
• Fee waivers – sign up for Free/Reduced Lunch ([https://mariettacity.strataapps.com](https://mariettacity.strataapps.com))
• Credit recovery opportunities
• Graduation requirements
• Personal issues (at school or at home) – Go Guardian alerts
• Career exploration/plans
MHS Counseling Website

http://mariettacounseling.weebly.com/

- Link to Make Appointments
- Calendar of events
- Link to the Naviance Website
- List of Scholarships
A host of other information!
How to Make an Appointment With Your School Counselor

- Go to MHS Counseling webpage at [http://mariettacounseling.weebly.com/](http://mariettacounseling.weebly.com/)
- Scroll down and click “To Schedule An Appointment…”
- Fill out information
- Email your school counselor directly
Transcripts & GPAs

- **Unweighted GPA** - all courses are weighted the same
- **Weighted GPA** – used for class rank & to distinguish Honors for Graduation
  - AP, IB, & Dual Enrollment courses receive 1 quality point
  - Core Honors courses receive .5 quality point
  - High Honors (4.0+) or Honors (3.5 – 3.99)
- **Core GPA** – many colleges only look at this for admissions purposes; includes only the following courses:
  - English
  - Math (not Math Support)
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Foreign Language
- **HOPE GPA** – used to determine eligibility for HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships
  - Includes only core courses taken in Grades 9 – 12
  - AP, IB, and Dual Enrollment courses receive .5 quality point (except an A)
  - Can be found by logging into Gafutures ([www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)) & selecting MY HOPE GPA
What to Know About Graduation

❖ Graduation requirements

❖ High honor graduates
  GPA is 4.0 and above

❖ Honor Graduates
  GPA 3.5-3.99

❖ Remember graduation gowns are rented and must be returned in order to receive diploma (students keep their caps)

❖ Graduation date:  Friday, May 22, 7:30 p.m., Northcutt Stadium

❖ Graduation practice: Wednesday, May 20 & Thurs, May 21 (mornings) --Attendance is mandatory
SAT & ACT Tests

❖ SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests  
   www.collegeboard.org

❖ ACT – www.actstudent.org

❖ MHS recommends students take both the SAT & ACT. Colleges will accept best scores from either test.

❖ Colleges/Universities require scores to come directly from testing agency
  ❖ SAT - https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/sending-scores

❖ Free test preps (Sept 12th)
  ❖ SAT/ACT Boot Camps (email jessicameade@marietta-city.k12.ga.us)
  ❖ SAT Prep through Khan Academy https://www.khanacademy.org/sat

❖ There are also over 500 colleges & universities that do not require standardized testing as part of the admission process - www.fairtest.org
Process for SAT/ACT Fee Waivers

- Students must be eligible for Free & Reduced Lunch & bring proof of eligibility to their school counselor or college advisor
  - https://mariettacity.strataapps.com

- After using SAT fee waiver & receiving score report, students can download four college application fee waivers directly from SAT website

- Students are given a total of 2 fee waivers for both the SAT & ACT (can be used over 2 years)

- If students loses or does not use fee waiver, they cannot get more
Other Tests

❖ **Accuplacer** – For Technical Colleges & some 2 year colleges
  • Sign up via Chat Tech (for Technical Colleges)
    [http://www.chattahoocheeetech.edu/testing-schedules/](http://www.chattahoocheeetech.edu/testing-schedules/)
  • Review for test - [https://www.accuplacer.org/](https://www.accuplacer.org/)

❖ **ASVAB** – For Military (also a wonderful interest inventory)
  • Dates – **Wednesday, October 16, 2019 & March 2020**
  • Sign up - TBA
How to Stay in the Loop Senior Year

- Follow us on Instagram
  – mhscounselor2243

- Attend homeroom advisement every week for important announcements

- Read Devil’s Advocate

Sign up for College Reminds and Senior Advisement Remind 101

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<td><strong>Definition:</strong> Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.</td>
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<td><strong>Definition:</strong> Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.</td>
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Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

For a copy of this flyer, please visit www.nacacnet.org
Make an appointment

Dear College Admission Officers,

We welcome the opportunity for you to visit Marietta High School and share information.
Dear College Admission Officers,

We welcome the opportunity for you to visit Marietta High School and share information about your college/university with our students.

To schedule a visit to MHS, please sign up on RepVisits at https://counselorcommunity.com/

Helpful Links

- **NAVIANCE**
- HOW TO SIGN UP FOR COLLEGE VISITS
- COLLEGE ADVISING SOCIAL MEDIA
- JUNIORS - HOW TO ACCESS JUNIOR QUESTIONNAIRES
- SENIORS - HOW TO REQUEST A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION & TR...
College Visits to MHS

• COLLEGE VISITS ARE FOR STUDENTS ONLY
• Visits during class time are ONLY for Seniors and Juniors. Freshmen and Sophomores can only visit during their lunch periods.
• Students must sign up for college visits (at least one hour before the visit) through their Naviance Student account. STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND.
• Instructions on how to register for college visits are located on the MHS website. Click on the “Counseling” tab at the top, then “College Advising” and then under “Helpful links”, you will click on “College Visits” for more information (http://mariettacounseling.weebly.com/college-advising.html)
• Please print the reminder/confirmation page and bring it to school with you or you can print beforehand at school. If you forget to print your pass, you can show your teacher your green registration status on your phone in Naviance. Your teacher will then write you a pink pass. Either your printed pass from Naviance or your pink pass from your teacher will allow you into the college visit. It is always up to the teacher whether you will be able to leave class to attend these sessions.
• Visits are 30 minutes and will be held at the beginning of every period. College visits will mostly be held in the Seminar Room or A226 unless otherwise noted. Only 30 minutes will be excused and students are responsible for any missed work.
Naviance—Requesting Documents

Colleges I’m applying to

☑️ Your Common App account has been matched.
Your FERPA status is not waived. You’re ready to apply to colleges using Common App.

College that I’m attending:

N/A

Letters of recommendation

Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the letters of recommendation section, accessible from the main colleges page, for more information.
Requesting Transcripts

- Naviance- Go to List of Colleges I’m Applying to and request transcripts and select the schools you want to send transcripts to
  - Common App Schools- Requests will be filled on Wednesdays
  - Other Schools- Requests will be filled on Fridays

- Schools with a stamp indicator in the “Delivery Type” column will need to be sent via hard copy.
  - Go to the Counseling Office and complete a Official Transcript request form
  - Ms. Moura will let you know next steps and if your request has been filled
Requesting Teacher Letters of Recommendation

*NOTE: All requests for recommendations should be placed 2 weeks before the application deadline in order for requests to be fulfilled.

**EA/ED-Request By Sept. 2\(^{nd}\) & Regular-Request By Oct. 21\(^{st}\)**

- Teachers @ MHS via Naviance
  1. Click on the Colleges Tab
  2. Bottom Left go to “Apply to Colleges” > Letters of Recommendation > Add Request > Follow the instructions on screen

- Teachers outside of MHS via Common App
  1. Go to the Recommenders Tab
  2. Click on “Other Recommenders” > input teachers information > follow instructions on the screen
Requesting Counselor Letters of Recommendation

*NOTE: All requests for recommendations should be placed 2 weeks before the application deadline in order for requests to be fulfilled.

• Counselor Recommendations via Common App
  1. **NOT DONE IN COMMON APP!**
  2. Go into Naviance
  3. Complete the Senior Information Survey
  4. Counselors will fulfill recommendation requests on Wednesdays in the order they were received. (*Only those with the survey complete will be fulfilled*)

• Counselor Recommendations outside of Common App - Complete the request as indicated by the college/university.
Financial Aid, Scholarships & HOPE
FAFSA Night

Monday, October 7th
@6:30pm
Georgia’s HOPE Program

❖ **Zell Miller Scholarship** (covers 100% tuition)
  - Must earn a 3.7 GPA in core coursework (English, Math, Science, Soc Studies, & FL) between grades 9-12
  - Earn at least a 1200 on the Math & Verbal portions of the SAT or score at least a 26 composite score on the ACT
  - Both SAT & ACT scores must be earned in one test administration before graduation

❖ **HOPE Scholarship** (covers price per credit hour)
  - Must earn a 3.0 GPA in core coursework (English, Math, Science, Soc Studies, & FL) between grades 9-12

❖ **HOPE Grant**—available to students who are seeking a technical certificate or diploma, regardless of student’s high school GPA or gradation date
HOPE Eligibility Requirements

❖ All three HOPE programs will require students to:
  ▪ Be a legal resident of Georgia
  ▪ Be registered with Selective Service, if male
  ▪ Be in compliance with the Georgia Drug-Free Post-secondary Education Act of 1990
  ▪ Meet HOPE’s US citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
  ▪ Attend an eligible Georgia school

To see the full list of program requirements, visit https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/
Scholarships
(HELPFUL WEBSITES)

• FastWeb Scholarship Search
  https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships
• Chegg Scholarships
  https://www.chegg.com/scholarships
• Cappex Scholarship Search
  https://www.cappex.com/scholarships
• Unigo Scholarship Search
  https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships
• JLV College Counseling Scholarships
  https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/monthly-scholarships/
Miscellaneous
Counseling Chats

*Counselor chats occur on the second Tuesday of every month in the Seminar Room (unless otherwise indicated).*

**Scheduled dates for Fall 2019:**
- Tuesday, September 10th @ 10am
- Tuesday, October 8th @ 10am
- Tuesday, November 12th @ 6pm
- Tuesday, December 10th @ 10am
# Upcoming Events

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@MariettaHSCollegeAdvising

Twitter
@MHSCollegeAdv

Marietta High School College Advising

Snapchat
@MHSCollegeAdv
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• Mrs. Mahone-Todman
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Congratulations Class of 2020!!!