

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On December 20, 2016, our Board of Education approved the 2017-2018 Program of Studies which lists and summarizes course offerings available to Montville Township High School students. This document is now published on the MTHS website. Students and parents can access the Program of Studies by utilizing the shortcut links on the MTHS website or by clicking directly on this link, <http://tinyurl.com/zjwev4h>. It is highly recommended that families carefully review the Program of Studies, as they prepare for the course selection process for the upcoming school year.

Please review elective options with your child so he/she is prepared to provide the counselor with 6-8 electives of interest in priority order. Students are encouraged to discuss course options with their teachers and counselor and case manager, when applicable, to better prepare to choose electives. It is important to make sure your child has any necessary pre-requisites for any of the courses they are selecting.

Some highlights of our Program of Studies include:

- Incoming freshmen are able to choose between Earth Science and Biology to fulfill their first year's science graduation requirement. While 8th grade teacher recommendations will still determine the level students take in either class, offering freshmen the opportunity to take Biology provides them access to a greater variety of science electives in their junior and senior years.
- Our Band and Orchestra classes are scheduled as a full ensemble period. This is a benefit to our students, as they will experience a true full ensemble rehearsal. Additionally, enrollment in either class will include a small group lesson program with a weekly supplemental period focused on more individualized instruction.
- We are excited to offer some new classes to our Program of Studies: *Advanced Spanish Culture A*, *Advanced Italian Culture A*, *Advanced French Culture A*, *Principles in Anatomy*, *Probability and Statistics* (IEP recommendation). *AP Computer Science Principles* is also available to students.

During the months of February and March, your child will meet with his or her school counselor and case manager, when applicable, to make course requests for next year. As this process unfolds, you will receive additional notification through email, Naviance, and the MTHS and Lazar school websites. You and your child will also have the ability to view course recommendations and requests through Parent Access in the near future.

Our school counselors look forward to meeting with your student in the coming months to plan and prepare for next year.

Sincerely,

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