

Massapequa Public Schools
Guidance Department Workshops and Related Events
Student/Parent Events, 2019-2020

FALL

Title	Date	Time & Location	Targeted Audience/ Grade Level	Description
“College Application Procedures” workshop	9/18/19	7PM MHS	Parents and Student Gr. 12	Building on the “College Workshop Series” from the Junior year, students and parents are provided information on the college application process. Specific information on how to navigate the process as an MHS student is presented. A representative from SUNY Geneseo will give advice and insight from the college admissions office perspective.
Financial Aid workshop	9/25/19	7PM MHS	Parents Gr. 12	Financial aid representatives from a local college will present an overview of the financial aid application process for college. In addition, they will provide a detailed look at the FAFSA form and CSS profile and offer advice and tips for completing these documents.
College Mini-Fairs	9/13/19 9/20/19 9/27/19	During school day in the MHS upper gym	Students Gr. 10,11,12	Over 120 colleges and universities will visit MHS across three dates in September. The events are advertised to students and teachers. Students may attend with their entire class or ask permission to attend from their class.
Private College visits	Sept. - Nov.	During school day at MHS	Students Gr. 10,11,12	In addition to the mini-fairs, another 60 - 70 colleges will be visiting MHS and meeting with students in small groups. Students may attend these individual meetings by appointment through the Guidance office.
“Active Parenting”	Oct. - Nov.	During school day at Berner	Parents Gr. 6,7,8	Active Parenting is a program helping in the “how to” of raising children. It is a seven-week program, (one session per week) which explores healthy ways to communicate with your adolescent, setting appropriate boundaries and understanding the needs of your child at this stage of his/her development. It also addresses parental needs and how to tailor both parent and child needs to ensure positive relationships.

“Successful Start to High School” workshop	10/17/19	7PM Ames	Parents Gr. 9	Ames Counselors and building Administrators will present an overview of the high school experience as well as provide in depth discussion on several key factors related to student success. These include, involvement in extracurricular activities, utilizing the resources available for academic and social assistance, developing post-secondary goals, and engaging in the school community.
College Workshop Series #1	11/18/19	7PM MHS	Parents and Students Gr. 11	Massapequa School Counselors will present a comprehensive view of the entire college admissions process. This will include detailed timelines, broad ranging themes, and current trends.
College Workshop Series #2	11/25/19	7PM MHS	Parents and Students Gr. 11	Mr. Paul Weber, Executive Assistant for Guidance, will discuss personal anecdotes and experiences related to selective college admission and emphasize essential components to a successful application.

WINTER

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Incoming Grade 6 Parent Orientation	1/8/20	7PM Berners	Parents Gr. 5	Berner Administration and Counselors will present information related to the transition to Berner Middle School. The presentation includes what to expect from the academic, social, and emotional experience at Berner.
Incoming Grade 9 Parent Orientation	1/6/20	7PM Ames	Parents Gr. 8	The staff will present a summary of the high school graduation requirements. In addition, Curriculum Associates, Department Chairpeople, and Supervisors for the 9th grade areas of study will provide a brief overview of general course offerings as well as elective and accelerated/advanced placement opportunities.
Grade 6 & 7 Electives Meeting	1/13/20	7PM Berners	Parents Gr. 6,7	Berner administration and counselors present course options to parents and discuss related scheduling topics.
Finding Your “Best Fit” College workshop	January/ TBD	7PM MHS	Students and Parents Gr. 11,12	A national college expert speaker will present a seminar for college-bound students and their families. The speaker will share his professional advice on college applications and admissions including: How to be a savvy college shopper and applicant, insider scoop on colleges, and how to get the most financial aid.

SPRING

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“Junior Interview” with Counselor	March - May	During school day at MHS by appointment	Students and Parents Gr. 11	The Junior Interview is a family conference where the counselor will assist with post-secondary planning for each student. The counselor will review the student’s academic profile, interests, goals, and help to identify potential college and career opportunities. This interview builds on and personalizes the many concepts and discussion points presented at the 3-part college workshop series.
“Transition to College” workshop for parents of seniors	5/27/20	7PM MHS	Parents Gr. 12	This workshop is designed to help parents who are sending their first child to college. (veteran parents of this process are also welcome) We will discuss practical matters such as; substance abuse, separation issues, achieving independence, etc.
Grade 6/7/8 Awards Ceremony	6/8/20 (6,7) 6/11/20 (8)	7PM Berners	Students and Parents Gr. 6,7,8 by invite	Berners Administration and Counselors present various awards to students in grades 6, 7, and 8.
Senior Awards Night	6/10/20	6PM MHS	Students and Parents Gr. 12 by invite	Seniors are presented scholarships and awards. Scholarship and award applications become available in January along with detailed instructions and due dates.
“Parent Chat”	Nov. - May	During school day at Berners (Some evenings)	Parents Gr. 6,7,8	Parent Chat has been an opportunity for parents to discuss current issues and trends around our developing adolescents.