Junior/Senior Class Meeting





# AGENDA

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# Roles and Responsibilities of the School Counselor



- Provide direct services to students through individual, small, and large group guidance.
- Identify and provide intervention for issues affecting school performance.
- Address social, emotional, and behavioral patterns that hinder student success.
- Provide social, emotional, and academic support for parents, students, faculty and staff.
- Assess students' abilities and interests while guiding them in the college and career readiness process.
- Implement an effective, data-driven, school counseling program.
- Provide indirect services through collaboration and referrals to community agencies and resources.

# Murphy High School Counselors

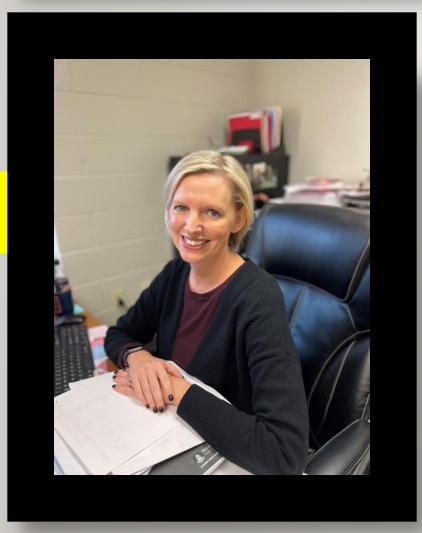
Mrs. Kimberley James – 9th/10th Grade Counselor

Mrs. Gabarel Lambert - I Ith Grade/IB & UA Counselor

Mrs. Genevieve Rigby – 12th Grade & DE Counselor







# How Do I Contact Mrs. Lambert?

**OFFICE PHONE:** 251-221-3186 ext. 53008

EMAIL ADDRESS: glambert@mcpss.com

- REMIND
- SCHOOLOGY GROUP Class of 2026
   Parent/Student Group
- ACCESS CODE 4SG6-HW49-R9XJT

# How Do I Contact Mrs. Rigby?

OFFICE PHONE: 251-221-3186 ext. 53005

- EMAIL ADDRESS: grigby@mcpss.com
  - SCHOOLOGY GROUP FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS
  - ACCESS CODE PM42-GDHK-5CH42

# GRADE LEVEL PROMOTION

Updates to Requirements for High School Promotion



## **GRADE 9**

Successful completion of middle school

#### **GRADE 10**

- Successful completion of 6 of the required graduation credits
- Successful completion of Intervention/Enrichment
- Complete and signed Transcript Analysis

## **GRADE 11**

- Successful completion of 12 of the required graduation credits.
- Successful completion of Intervention/Enrichment
- Complete and signed Transcript Analysis

## **GRADE 12**

- Successful completion of 18 of the required graduation credits.
- Successful completion of Intervention/Enrichment
- Must be able to complete graduation requirements by the end of the school term.

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

#### MORILE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS.

#### FRESHMAN CLASS 2021-2022 AND THEREAFTER

ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	CREDITS NEEDED	ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA WITH ADVANCED HONORS	CREDITS NEEDED
ENGLISH:	4	ENGLISH (HR, AP, DE, OR IB)	4
ENGLISH 9 ENGLISH 10 ENGLISH 11 ENGLISH 12		ENGLISH 9 ENGLISH 10 ENGLISH 11 ENGLISH 12	
MATHEMATICS	4	MATHEMATICS	4
GEOMETRY W/ DATA ANALYSIS ALGEBRA I W/ PROBABILITY ALGEBRA II W/ STATISTICS MATHEMATICS ELECTIVE		HR GEOMETRY W/ DATA ANALYSIS HR ALGEBRA I W/ PROBABILITY HR ALGEBRA II W/ STATISTICS HR, AP, DE, OR IB MATH ELECTIVE	
SCIENCE	4	SCIENCE	4
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SOCIAL STUDIES	4	SOCIAL STUDIES (HR, AP, DE, OR IB)	4
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1
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HEALTH EDUCATION	0.5	HEALTH EDUCATION	0.5
CAREER PREPAREDNESS	1	CAREER PREPAREDNESS	1
ELECTIVE CREDITS FROM ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:	3	ELECTIVE CREDITS FROM ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:	3
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION WORLD LANGUAGE FINE ARTS EDUCATION		CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION WORLD LANGUAGE FINE ARTS EDUCATION	
GENERAL ELECTIVES	2.5	WORLD LANGUAGE (Parts 1 and 2)	2
TOTAL CREDITS	24	GENERAL ELECTIVES	2.5
		TOTAL CREDITS	26

Credits Required for Regular Diploma: 24

Credits Required for Honors Diploma: 26

Credit Requirements pertain to ALL Classes (2023, 2024, 2025, AND 2026)

Students must maintain a 3.5 weighted GPA to earn the Diploma with Advanced Honors Endorsement. Changes to credits needed for graduation was Board approved (Fall 2021).

"NOTE: STUDENTS MUST MAINTAIN A 3.5 (WEIGHTED) GPA TO EARN THE DIPLOMA WITH ADVANCED HONORS ENDORSEMENT. CHANGES TO CREDITS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION IS PENDING BOARD APPROVAL (FALL 2021).



# ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



In addition to completing the diploma requirements set by the Alabama State Department of Education, each high school senior is responsible for completing the following objectives:

#### Have an ACT score on file.

All students are required to take the Statewide ACT during their junior year of high school.

#### Earn College and Career Readiness Indicator and/or a Credential

- Benchmark on at least one subtest on the ACT
- Earn a 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam or IB Exam
- Earn a credential or certification through taking a Career and Technical Education course and passing the certification exam
- Enlist in the US Military
- Complete 3 or more years of JROTC
- . Score a 4 or higher on each section of the ACT Workkeys Test.

#### Complete an electronic Career Portfolio through the KUDER Career Planning System

Each seniors' electronic portfolio must include the following:

- Summary of Career Exploration Assessments
- Professional Resume
- Professional Cover Letter

Successfully pass the State of Alabama's Civics Test

# Complete and submit the FAFSA Electronic Application

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

#### **Credentialing UPDATE**

Students enrolled in MCPSS Signature Academies must complete a 3-course sequence in a selected pathway and earn a grade of "C" or higher to earn a CRI. The course sequence must include a foundations course, a concentrator, and a capstone course.

#### **EXAMPLE: Healthcare Science**

- Foundations of Health Science
- Human Body Structures
- Healthcare Internship

# PURPOSE

- Evaluate students academic progress throughout a school year.
- Determine proper placement in core and elective courses.
- Ensure that students are on track for graduation.

# **AUDITING PROCESS**

- All student transcripts will be audited three (3) times a year:
  - At the end of 1st semester
  - At the end of 2nd semester
  - At the end of 5th Quarter/Summer Session

# School Counselor's Role

- Conduct analysis three times a year.
- Meet with students to review the results of the audit.
- · Notify parents of any discrepancies found.
- Develop an academic plan to correct any discrepancy and help student get on track for graduation.

# TRANSCRIPT ANALYSIS

# **MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL**

#### TRANSCRIPT ANALYSIS

Diploma Track: _	Regular	Honors	COHORT:			Graduation Year:
Analysis of Course	s		Required Electives			IV. Academy Pathway
ENGLISH			Phy EdHealth	EdCar	eer Prep	
Eng 9	_HR Eng 9	Pre-IB/ Eng 9	Substitute for PE and,	or Career Pr	ер	Academy Courses:
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HISTORY			CTE 2			
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US 10H	IR US 10 IB	HIS AM 1	ARTS 1	and .		Sophomore Year
US 11H	IR US 11 IB	HIS AM 2	ARTS 2			
Gov/Econ	HR Gov/Econ	AP Gov/Econ 12	ARTS 3			Junior Year
MATH			FOR LNG 1			1
GEO w/DA	HR GEO w/DA	Finite Math	FOR LNG 2			
ALG w/PR	HR ALG w/PR	Calculus	FOR LNG 3		_	Senior Year
ALG II w/ST	HR ALG II w/S	TStatistics	III. College and Career Readi	ness Require	ments	
Math Model	Pre-Calculus	Other	Four Year Plan:	Yes _	No	Credential/CCRI:
SCIENCE			ACT Score on File:	Yes _	No	ACT BnchMk
Bio	HR Bio	AP Chem	Kuder Career Portfolio:	Yes _	No	CTE Certification
Phy Sci _	CP Chem	IB Biology	AL Civics Test:	Pass _	Fail	AP/IB Test Score
Earth	CP Physics	IB Chem	FAFSA Completion:	Yes	No	DE Credit
Enviro	DE Bio 2	Other				JROTC/Military Enlis

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDENT PLAN

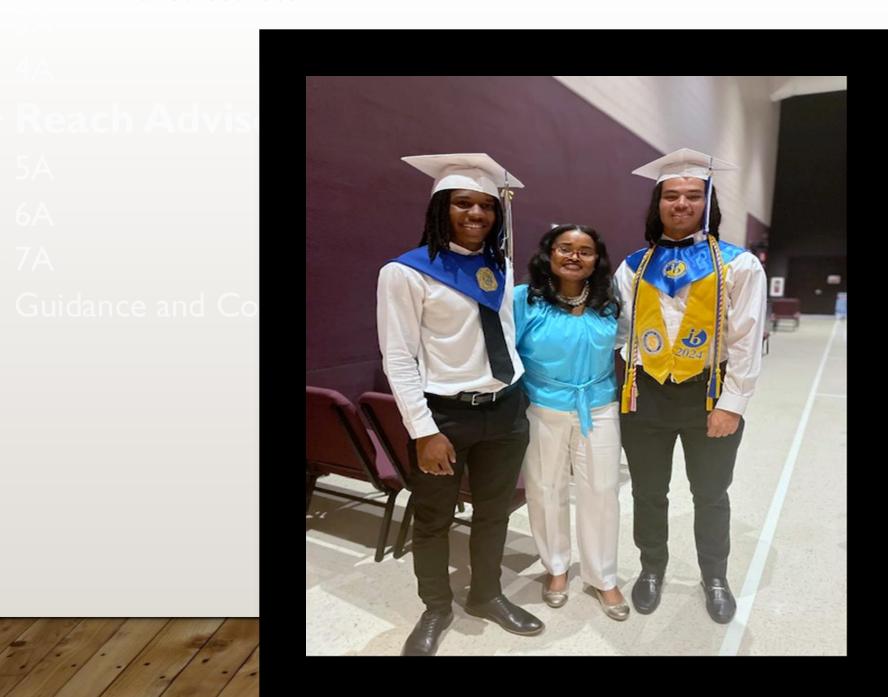
GR 11

GR 12

ISP on file for:

# Reminders to be aware of with new schedule format:

- Year-long pros/cons
- More time in courses and with teacher
- Same schedule the whole year
- Risks with failing courses
- Transcripts (I/2 credit courses)
- Failed courses



# Murphy High School

Student: Grade: Student Number:

Gender:



Term	Per	Course	Teacher	Room
23-24	1(A)	Culinary Arts I	Mullins, Robert	194
S1	2(A)	Team Sports 11	Epps, Andre William	BGym
23-24	3(A)	English, Grade 10 (1 cr)	Mason, Charmaine S	116
23-24	4(A)	Algebra II w/Statistics (1 cr)	Howard, Leland	208
23-24	5(A)	Visual Arts, Sculpture III	Van Antwerp, Elizabeth Ann	198
23-24	6(A)	Plant Biotechnology	McAll, Richard Wilson	223
23-24	7(A)	United States History II: Gr 11 (1 cr)	Burrow, Alison	206
23-24	ADV(A)	REACH Advisory	Allen, Barbara Annette	218

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23-24	4(A)	Algebra II w/Statistics (1 cr)	Howard, Leland	208
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# Statewide ACT ACT Testing



# WHEN IS TEST OFFERED?

The ACT Statewide Test will be given in March of 2025.

## WHO WILL BE TESTING?

All students classified as a junior (11th grader) for the 2024-2025 school year will be required to test.

# **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

Juniors WILL NOT register or pay for the Statewide ACT Test. The test is paid for by the ALSDE. The Test Coordinator will help students register.

# WILL THE SCORES COUNT?

YES!!! The ACT Statewide Testing scores will be a part of your school record and ACT testing record. The scores will count towards the college admissions process.



# **ACT/SAT TESTING**



- Register on -line: www.act.org/student
- See Mrs. Lambert/Ms. Rigby for a fee waiver.
- Set up an account and register for test.
- Be sure to take and upload a photo before the deadline date to complete registration.

# ACT FEE WAIVERS

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students must be enrolled in 11th and 12th grade to receive a waiver.

# **HOW DOES A STUDENT QUALIFY?**

- Student must be eligible for free or reduced lunch.
- Student must be enrolled in a program for First Generation students (Upward Bound or GEAR UP).
- Student must reside in a foster home, is a ward of the state, or is homeless.
- Family receives low-income public assistance or lives in federally subsidized housing.

# WHAT DOES THE ACT FEE WAIVER COVER?

- Registration and late fees for the ACT with or without Writing.
   Cost: \$68.00 no writing \$93.00 w/ writing Late Fee: \$38.00
- One report to a student's high school and up to six college choices.
- Unlimited score reports sent to colleges and universities.
- Test Preparation Tools The Official ACT Self-Paced Course (Kaplan).

# **USAGE AND RESTRICTIONS**

Student may use a MAXIMUM of FOUR ACT Fee Waivers.

# **HOW DO I REQUEST A WAIVER?**

- Complete the Request for ACT Waiver form (on the MHS Website).
- Mrs. Lambert/Mrs. Rigby will issue the waiver and keep record of the waiver ID number as well as how many waivers each student receives.
- Students can only receive **ONE** waiver at a time. They cannot request multiple waivers at once.

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A STUDENT DOES NOT TEST?

- If a student misses the scheduled ACT test, they are responsible for rescheduling the test.
- Rescheduling the test will allow the student to "reapply" the fee waiver to the new testing date.

# REQUEST FOR DEFERRAL OF COLLEGE ADMISSION APPLICATION FEES

- Seniors who are eligible for ACT Fee Waivers are eligible for the ACT Request for Deferral of College Admission Application Fees or the NACAC Waiver.
- Seniors must complete and sign the form in the presence of the Senior Counselor.
- The Counselor will submit the deferral form, along with the college application and transcript, to the college or university.
- Colleges and universities ARE NOT obligated to waive or defer their admission fees!!!

ACT® Fee Waiver Program ACT offers a test fee waiver program to eligible students that covers the regular registration fee and late fees, and provides additional benefits.

## About the Fee Waiver

#### How can students use the fee waiver?

- A student may use the fee waiver to register for one ACT National test date for the year noted on this document, up to the deadline noted.
- Each fee waiver has a serial number printed in the topright corner. Instructions for submitting the serial number online can be found on the fee waiver.

#### Usage restrictions:

- Students may use a maximum of four separate fee waivers. Use of additional fee waivers will be denied, and the student will be billed.
- A fee waiver is considered used once the student registers, even if the student does not test on the requested date. If a student does not test on the registered test date, the student may apply the used fee waiver toward a future test date registration fee but will need to pay the associated change fee.
- Altered, copied, or obsolete forms and requests on letterhead will not be accepted.
- Students cannot use the fee waiver to receive a refund for a test fee that they already paid.
- Students cannot use a fee waiver to pay for additional fees, products, or services. Students must pay any fees not covered by the fee waiver with a credit card before submitting the registration.

#### fits and more:

al information about the ACT Fee Waiver.

Note: Please provide these fee waivers only to those who meet eligibility requirements. Fee waiver quantities are limited. Once funds are exhausted, fee waiver requests will become unavailable for ordering and MyACT will no longer accept the codes during registration.

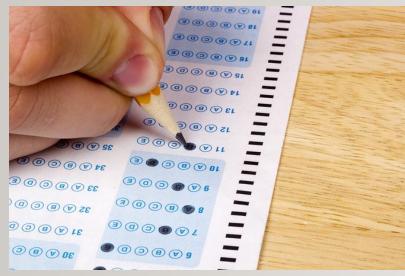
# **Eligibility Requirements**

To receive a fee waiver, a student must:

- Be currently enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade.
- 2. Test in the United States, US territories, or Puerto Rico.
- Meet one or more of the following indicators of economic need:
  - Enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch program at school
  - Enrolled in a program for the economically disadvantaged (for example, a federally funded program such as GEAR UP or Upward Bound)
    Note: Program participants who are not economically disadvantaged are not eligible for a fee waiver.
  - Resides in a foster home, is a ward of the state, or is homeless
  - Family receives low-income public assistance or lives in federally subsidized public housing.
  - □ Family's total annual income is at or below the USDA levels for free or reduced-price lunches listed on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website: <a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines">https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines</a>.

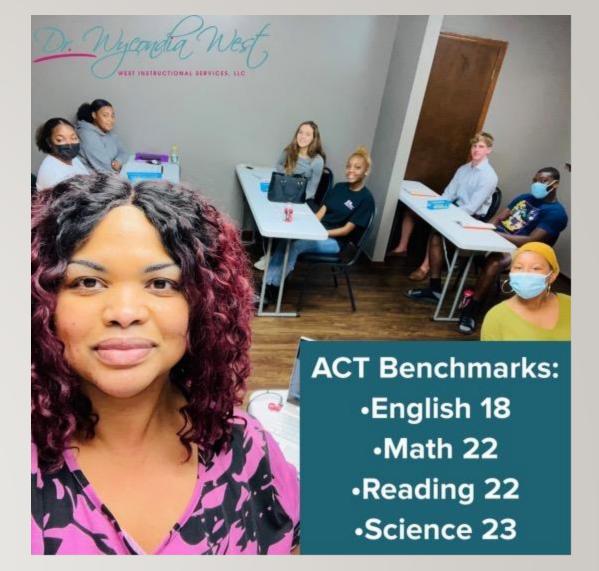
Eligibility Audits To monitor compliance, ACT may request written evidence of student eligibility. Noneligible students may be billed. Non-compliant schools/agencies may not be eligible for more waive

# Free Practice for the ACT/SAT



Free Practice for ACT and SAT

- ACT and Kaplan Test Prep Partnership Students can get free, live, online prep! For more information, please visit www.kaptest.com/act
- SAT and Khan Academy Test Prep Partnership Students
  can access thousands of questions approved by the
  College Board, take four official SAT practice tests, and
  create personalized SAT study plans for FREE. For more
  information, please visit <a href="https://www.khanacademy.org">https://www.khanacademy.org</a>
  and www.4tests.com
- MasteryPrep ACT Practice
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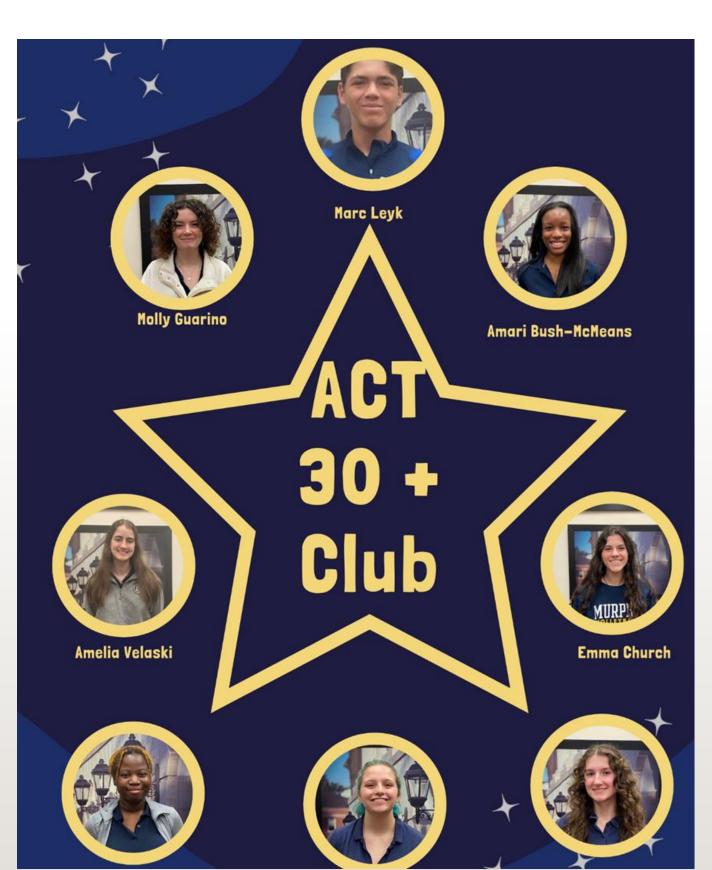
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# **NeedMyTranscript**

The fast, secure and easy way to request and send your student records!

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# START HERE

Select the high school you are requesting a record from:



Select State

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"Wootton".

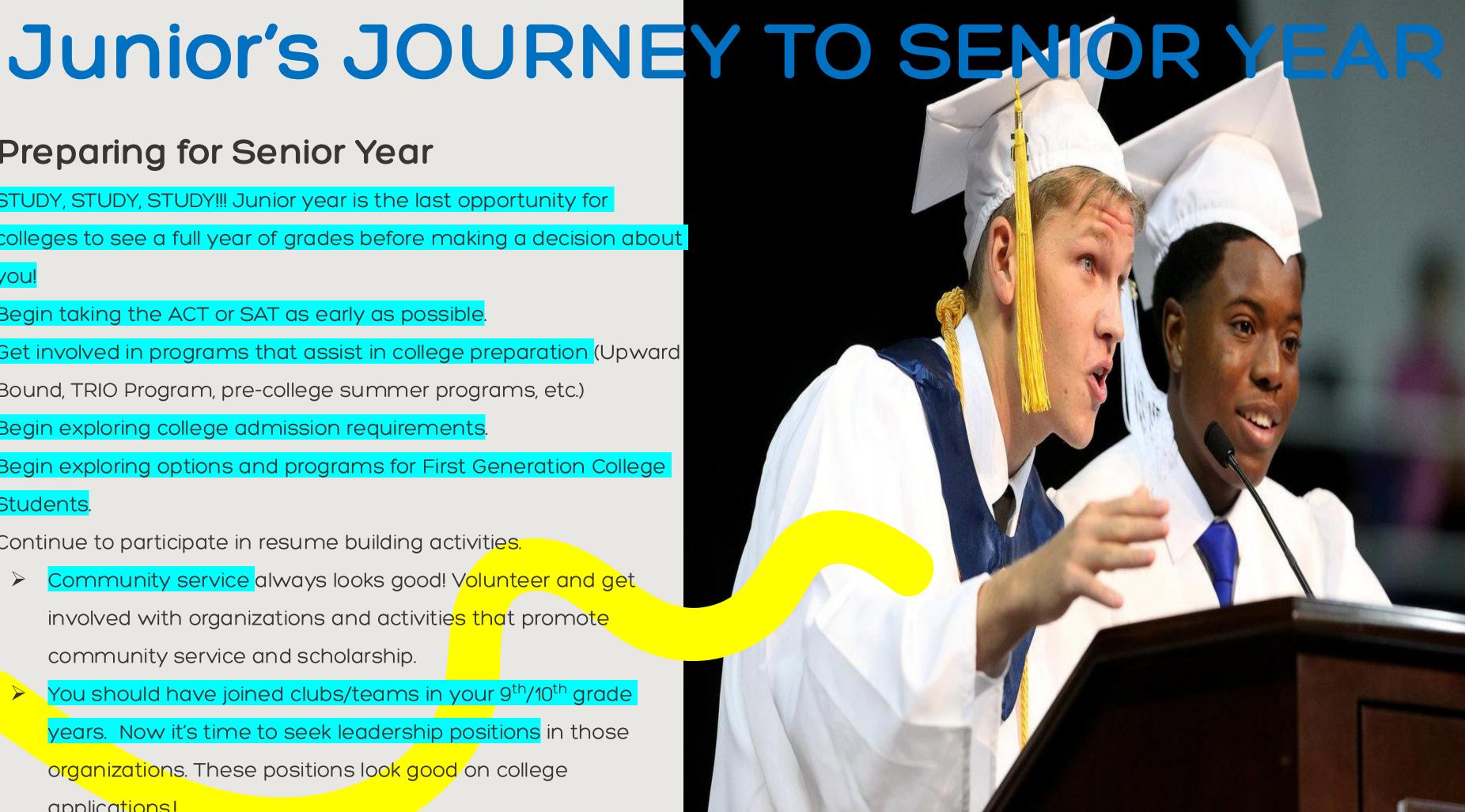
# HOW DO I REQUEST MY TRANSCRIPT?

- 2 methods:
  - Need MY Transcript an electronic transcript service; link on MHS website; you can access your account to monitor when the transcript was sent and when it was received.
  - Email Mrs Rigby send email requesting transcripts with the names of the receiving schools/organizations; student will be copied on email when sent

IF YOU USE NEED MY TRANSCRIPT, PLEASE SEND MRS RIGBY THE NAMES OF SCHOOLS YOU HAVE APPLIED TO FOR HER RECORDS

# Preparing for Senior Year

- STUDY, STUDY!!! Junior year is the last opportunity for colleges to see a full year of grades before making a decision about you!
- Begin taking the ACT or SAT as early as possible.
- Get involved in programs that assist in college preparation (Upward) Bound, TRIO Program, pre-college summer programs, etc.)
- Begin exploring college admission requirements.
- Begin exploring options and programs for First Generation College Students.
- Continue to participate in resume building activities.
  - Community service always looks good! Volunteer and get involved with organizations and activities that promote community service and scholarship.
  - You should have joined clubs/teams in your 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade years. Now it's time to seek leadership positions in those organizations. These positions look good on college applications



# Junior's JOURNEY TO SENIOR YEAR

# Preparing for Senior Year

- Begin searching for scholarships! Why??
  - ✓ They aren't just for seniors.
  - ✓ A few scholarships can be used by students in all grades.
     (See the Guidance Schoology Page)
    - Essay requirements for scholarships don't change much from year to year.
    - If you get the scholarship application and complete the essay this year, you can avoid the stress of trying to write it next year.
    - Get organized and create a binder of info!
- Prepare to take the PSAT that will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup>
  by going to collegeboard.com. Free practice resources are also
  available online through Khan Academy.
- Every junior should take the PSAT as it provides you with two important benefits:
  - You can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.
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# College Board's National Recognition Program



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Congratulations to Murphy High students Quinlan DeAnda and Collin Bendolph, who have qualified for the College Board's National Recognition Program. Eligible students must score in the top 10% in their state on the PSAT; earn a 3+ on 2 or more AP exams; earn a cumulative GPA of B+ or higher; identify as first-generation, Black or African-American, Hispanic or Latino, Indigenous or Native; and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. #LearningLeading Murphy High School

# College Board AP Scholars





# The results are in! Murphy IB students earned:

- 417 college credits through IB exams scores
- 774 credits from UA
- 24 credits from South
- 24 credits from Bishop

That's 1,239 college credits earned by the IB class of 2024

# ATHLETICS AND THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR



# Role of the School Counselor

Assist students in scheduling to ensure that NCAA Eligibility requirements are met.

# NCAA Eligibility Requirements

Athletes will work with the Athletic Director and Athletic Liaison to complete the NCAA Eligibility process.

# Senior Ranking

# Class of 2023 and 2024

Schools will observe the following procedure for ranking students:

- Announcement of Top 10 will not be made until the end of the second semester of Senior Year.
- No member of the Top 10 shall be publicly or officially named until review and approval of hand-calculated GPAs by the Deputy Superintendent of Academic Affairs.
- Top 10 students will be comprised of those receiving the Diploma with Advanced Honors Endorsement.

# Class of 2025 and after

Beginning with the Freshman Class of 2022 (Senior Class of 2025) and after, **only a class**Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be named, All other seniors will be ranked by Honor for Academic Achievement. Honor for Academic Achievement will be based on cumulative, weighted grade point average and determined at the end of Senior Year. The Honor for Academic Achievement categories are:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (With Highest Praise) – GPA 4.0 and Above MAGNA CUM LAUDE (With Great Honor) – GPA 3.50 to 3.99 CUM LAUDE (With Honor) - GPA 3.00 to 3.49

To be recognized as a SUMMA CUM LAUDE or MAGNA CUM LAUDE graduate, students must complete the core, elective, and GPA requirements for the Diploma with Advanced Honors endorsement.

- Students who do not meet the course or GPA requirements for the Diploma with Advanced Honors Endorsement will be recognized as CUM LAUDE graduates; provided they meet the GPA requirements (3.00-3.49).
- \* The Honors for Academic Achievement classification system for Seniors is designed to allow more students to be recognized for their academic achievements regardless of their chosen diploma track. (Board Approved Fall 2021).

Pathway to SENIOR PROGRAMMING



# AND MORE...

- College and Military Recruiter Visits
- College Tours
- College Application Seminars
- Requesting a Letter of Recommendation
- College and Career Fairs
- FAFSA Completion Seminars
- College Application Campaign Week Events-October 7-11, 2024
- ASVAB TBD

MCPSS ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR - TUESDAY, SEPT 17TH
SCAN QR CODE TO COMPLETE
REGISTRATION/PERMISSION FORM



**DEADLINE: MON, SEPT 9TH** 



# QUESTIONS

