

Hello Seniors c/o 2024, just a reminder to check the following google drives as there are new documents that have been added.

For those applying to college: **2024 Senior College Prep Documents**

For scholarships: **The 2024 Scholarships**

For a variety of community service or employment opportunities, and also upcoming events: **2024 Community Service, Employment, & Upcoming Events**

Reminder too that the PROBE fair permission forms are due by today, **Tuesday Sept 5.**

This is a reminder to please hurry and check out the college prep drive. This is where a collection of documents designed to assist you in the college application process are housed: **2024 College Prep Documents**

In fact, there's a new document created by our college advisers that's recently been uploaded to that college prep drive. Please review it here: **2023-24 The College Process Senior Packet**. This document is a detailed description on how to navigate the college application process. Please very carefully review it.

Be sure to check out the new scholarships via our drive: **2024 Scholarships**

In fact, there are two new scholars' programs added to the drive. These are merit base scholarships at two highly prestigious institutions. See below for details.

- The UVA (University of Virginia) **Jefferson Scholar** program: **The 2023-24 UVA Jefferson Scholars Program Flyer**
- The Davidson College in North Carolina **Belk Scholar** program: **The 2023-24 Davidson College Belk Scholarship Flyer**

Below is information about the importance of the **APS Free/Reduced Meal application**

Even if your family does not qualify for free or reduced meals, we need you to complete this application. This application process helps to increase funding to support education, funding for technology and internet access, discounts for fees associated with college applications, discounted fees for SAT, ACT, AP tests, and scholarships. ***We are aiming for 100% participation.*** You will need your student's school ID # which is located in Infinite Campus in the student's summary page.

Please fill out the 2023-24 FEA Application via here: **2023-24 APS Free Reduced Lunch Application** . Similarly, the 2024-25SY FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will soon be released, and the same principle applies as everyone will be strongly encouraged to submit a FAFSA, especially if you are planning to attend college in fall 2024 and seeking to utilize your HOPE or Zell Miller scholarship funds if eligible.

The cost of school breakfast this year is \$1.50, and lunch is \$3.00. No free lunches unless you qualify on the FEA application. No child will be denied a lunch, but your student will be charged for the lunch or breakfast, so go ahead today and load funds on your students **MySchoolBucks** application. This will avoid a surprise balance at the end of the school year as the cafeteria cannot except cash. Please go here: **APS My School Bucks Payment Platform** .

Here's 2024 Yearbook information

You have two more days to order your 2024 yearbook at its lowest price of the season. This Back-to-School Sale includes four free icons that you can get embossed on your yearbooks which highlight the various activities that you participated in during your high school years.

Don't miss out. Order now at: **Jostens Site for Yearbook Ordering**. Prices go up at midnight on **Friday August 18, 2023**.

The bus trip to the NAHS college fair is closed/filled. Thanks for the tremendous interest!

Please sign up for your **required** advisement meeting with your licensed counselor. This is separate and different from the meeting you will have with your college adviser Ms. Ratchev or Ms. Collier. The advisement meeting with the counselors covers the following information - see link: **2024 Senior**

Advisement One-on-One Meeting Agenda

So, yes, folks, please get yourself signed up with your counselor ASAP. See their links below...

- If your last name falls between **A-G**, your counselor is **Ms. Rucker**, then to make your reservation with her, see link: **Mrs. Rucker's Senior Advisement Schedule for Last Names A-G**
- If your last name falls between **H-Pe**, your counselor is **Mr. Young**, and to schedule your senior meeting with him, see link: **Mr. Young's Senior Advisement Meeting for Students Last Names H-Pe**
- If your last name falls between **Ph-Z**, your counselor is **Ms. Falcone**, and for setting time aside for your required meeting, see link: **Ms. Falcone, Senior Advisements for Last Names Ph-Z**

Please make plans to attend the Senior Parent Night hosted by the college advisers Ms. Ratchev and Ms. Collier. See here: **2023-24 Senior Parent Night with Advisors**

In fact, please see all the other upcoming events here: **2024 Events Upcoming Academic, Community-based & Employment**

Register for the Scholarship Seminars either September 9 or 23. See link: **2023-24 Scholarship Seminar SEPT 9&23**

In fact, please see all the scholarships available today in our scholarship drive, see here: **2024 Scholarships**

Per yearbook adviser, Ms. Blair, please order your 2024 Yearbook, see here: **2024 Yearbook Orders**

Per administrator Mr. Vincent the following...

For cap/gown orders: **2024 Senior Personal Data for Cap-Gown Ordering**

Pay Senior Fees: **2024 School Cash Online Site for Seniors Fees**

We are scheduled to attend the **NAHS College Fair** on **Friday August 25**.

Here's the list of colleges/universities who are slated to be in attendance: **2023 NAHS Colleges, Universities & Technical Institutions**

Here's the permission form: **2023-24 NAHS College Fair Permission Form**

Attendance/Transportation: We will only have **one APS school bus** as our form of transportation - subsequently, we are gearing to take only **<40** highly motivated, college prep, college bound 12th and 11th graders. Reservations are based on a first-come-first-serve structure, so once we (the counselors)

have received <40 permission forms completed correctly, the trip will be closed. Parents/guardians who seek to take their own children are free to do so, however, supervision will be the sole responsibility of that parent/guardian for their own children. For the students who'll be riding the APS bus, this is a district sponsored event and the periods for which these students miss - which we're estimating periods 2B and 3B, will be appropriately coded upon our arrival back to Midtown. For the students who attend with their parent, the parent is responsible for providing our attendance department with the appropriate documentation.

Preparation: It is strongly recommended for 12th graders to bring a copy of their transcript. How's that done? Please submit your request via your account in Midtown's Parchment platform. When doing so, make certain that you carefully identify your high school start/end years because if you get it wrong, you will sadly be charged every time you use the service. Parchment is a free service for our current students. Once you submit your request, your assigned counselor will upload and electronically send your transcript to whatever destination you've specified in your request. So, in this instance, you should indicate that you're the recipient or destination. Then you'll be able to print your transcript and have it with you at the fair for college admissions reps to review. Make sense? Here's the link: **2023-24 Midtown's Parchment Link and Instructions**.

Ready to go? Let's get it.

Here's the link again to the permission form: **2023-24 NAHS College Fair Permission Form** which should be delivered to us, whether it be a hard copy or electronically, no later than **Friday August 11 3:50pm**.

Senior Advisement: Be sure that you've scheduled your required senior advisement meeting with your assigned counselor. See our links below...

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- If your last name falls between **Ph-Z**, your counselor is **Ms. Falcone**, and for setting time aside for your required meeting, see link: **Ms. Falcone, Senior Advisements for Last Names Ph-Z**

Have you submitted your reservation for your required **Senior Advisement**? There's a lot of information to discuss with you about your grad status and the process to applying for things after high school. To learn what all is discussed, see link: **2024 Senior Advisement One-on-One Meeting Agenda**. This is a **required** individual meeting, but your parent is welcome to attend too. Ideally, these meetings must take place during August, however depending on availability, this meeting may be at the very latest, the end of October, so hurry and make your reservation asap.

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H-Pe

- If your last name falls between **Ph-Z**, your counselor is **Ms. Falcone**, and for setting time aside for your required meeting, see link: **Ms. Falcone, Senior Advisements for Last Names Ph-Z**
- Also, on **Wednesday August 30 at 630pm**, there will be **Senior Family Night** hosted by the college advisors Ms. Ratchev and Ms. Collier. See link for details: **2023-24 Senior Parent Night with Advisors**

To review other documents and/or events for any of you who'll be applying for college, see here: **2024 Senior College Prep Documents**

Please get in the habit of regularly reading these emails from MidtownCounselor@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Lastly, see flyer below regarding this year's yearbook.

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS...

***Buy your
yearbook at its
lowest price
before time
runs out!***

Buy a yearbook before August
18th and receive four free
icons with your purchase!

NOW UNTIL AUGUST 18	\$70
AUGUST 19 UNTIL DECEMBER 15	\$80
DECEMBER 16 UNTIL JANUARY 26	\$85
JANUARY 27 UNTIL APRIL 26	\$90
APRIL 27 UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR	\$100



Hello Seniors c/o 2024, welcome to the new school and the intended final year of high school for you. We are excited for you and look forward to taking this introspective and meaningful ride with you as you explore options for life beyond high school. To that end, here are a few updates from Guidance-Counseling-College Advising...

1. Every senior is **obligated required requested** to meet one-on-one with their assigned counselor. Do you know who your counselor is? See [here](#) and submit your request for a meeting ASAP. Space fills up fast, so please get on top of this immediately.

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To read up on what will be discussed in your one-on-one advisement meeting with your counselor, see link: **[2024 Senior Advisement One-on-One Meeting Agenda](#)**

Next, itemized below are some general need-to-know items for throughout the school year. We urge that you **carefully read each item** below and reach out to your counselor if you should have any questions, etc.

1. To request a copy of your transcript, please do so via this link **[2024 Midtown HS Parchment Link](#)**
For those who need instructions on how to create your Parchment account and make requests for your transcript, please review **[The Quick Guide to Creating a Parchment Account & Ordering Transcripts](#)**
2. For students interested in applying for scholarships, please save and go to this google drive on a **regular basis** as this is where we keep flyers on a variety of scholarships: **[2024 Scholarships](#)**
How the scholarship process works is that you must read up on the scholarship by going to scholarship donor's website, review the scholarship's criteria, and if you are eligible you'll need to then find out how you are to submit your application (most apps are to be completed online), and be sure to submit your app by whatever deadline the scholarship sponsors has established. Again, please get in the habit of checking this google drive on a **regular basis**. Click this link: **[2024 Scholarships](#)**
3. Interested in Vanderbilt University, register for their visit here: **[The Vanderbilt University's Visit to Atlanta](#)**
4. As the year progresses for students interested in pursuing enrollment in college immediately after high school, there's a collection of documents that'll assist you in understanding the college application process, financial aid resources, admissions criteria, etc. Please on a **regular basis** visit this google drive. Click here: **[2024 Senior College Prep Documents](#)**

5. To keep abreast with a variety of upcoming events such as weekend community service opportunities, employment opportunities, programs for you to join, etc., please on a **regular basis** check here: **2024 Events Upcoming ~ Academic, Community-based, Employment, etc.**

6. For students who are interested in receiving fee waivers for college applications and SAT or ACT exam waivers, the student **must be eligible** for the district's free/reduced lunch program. Every school year, the student must renew or resubmit their free/reduced lunch program application. To get information on how to apply for the free/reduced lunch program as well as information on how to obtain a school locker, please click this link: **2023-24 Free Reduced Lunch App & School Lockers**

Tell your classmates and friends who attend Midtown HS, and they belong to this graduating class to join the guidance department's email database, by making one submission via this link: **2023-24 Student Parent Email Cell Contact Submission**

Hello Midtown Community ~

Registration for the 2023 fall session with **AVA (Atlanta Virtual Academy)** part-time program will begin today Monday July 24.

For the many students who are interested in taking one and/or possibly even two classes virtually through the AVA platform during this upcoming fall semester in addition to their Midtown HS schedule, then you may want to proceed with this registration process. **Carefully read instructions below.**

Why would or should you take a virtual course through AVA's part-time program?

- **Reason #1** - You failed a course or courses from the previous semester or previous year, and you did not re-enroll in the course, nor did you enroll in any credit recovery program, and so now you are in need to recover the credit and/or redo the course(s). - **This is called CR or Credit Recovery.**
- **Reason #2** - You're on-track for graduation and you are simply seeking to get ahead in your credits. You're interested in taking a course or courses that you'd ordinarily take in the next school year. Therefore, when you take a course in this manner it allows you to advance and possibly graduate early. - **This is called IC or Initial Credit.**

See this link to submit your application:

AVA's Part-Time Fall 2023 Semester Application

Once you are on the AVA application/registration website, the first page is general demographic information. Please appropriately complete this portion. Reach out to the counselors if you do not know your network ID or lunch number.

The second page is where you will select your course(s). You may select up to two. However, for students who need or are seeking to take only one course, you'll have to select the same course twice, otherwise the site will not allow you to move forward. The letters A and B are written next to each course. The letter "A" represents the course's 1st semester's portion, and "B" is the 2nd semester's portion. Then for the **CR** and **IC**, again remember the **CR** is **credit recovery**, while **IC** is **initial credit**.

The website's third page - this is where you must select your assigned counselor. See here for who your counselor is:

- If you are a 10-12th grader with last names **A-G**, your counselor is **Rucker, Katrina** and her email is **Katrina.rucker@atlanta.k12.ga.us**
- If you are a 10-12th grader with last names **H-Pe**, your counselor is **Young, Lamar** and his email is **Ljyoung@atlanta.k12.ga.us**
- If you are a 10-12th grader with last names **Ph-Z**, your counselor is **Falcone, Chelsea** and her email is **Chelsea.falcone@atlanta.k12.ga.us**
- All 9th graders, your counselor is **Blevins-Pellechia, Tina** and her email is **Tblevins2@atlanta.k12.ga.us**

Ready to apply? To access the application, here's the link:
AVA's Part-Time Fall 2023 Semester Application

Once your application has been successfully submitted, it will be reviewed by your counselor, and if approved your counselor will provide you with your course(s) details prior to **Friday August 4**. Please do not email requesting a rush for this information as the approval process takes time as your transcript must be reviewed prior to us enrolling you into any of these virtual courses. Moreover, no student will be granted access to any of these courses prior to **Tuesday August 1**. Please **carefully review** this AVA flyer/postcard pasted immediately below as it details important dates. These dates are hard deadlines and not negotiable. For example, **September 29** is the final day for dropping a course during fall semester, so if you are enrolled in a course on or after **September 29**, then whatever grade you earned will be posted to your transcript.



Learning...
Any Time,
Any Place,
Any Device.

2023 Fall Session Registration

Registration Dates: July 24th – September 1st
Classes Start: August 1st | **Classes End:** December 15th
Last Day to Drop: September 29th
75% Completion of Course 1; Course #2 Request by November 17th

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Class of 2024:

Summertime is the best time to get your senior pictures taken! So, if you have received an appointment and that time works for you, please keep it. However, if you don't have an appointment and you have about 15 minutes to spare, or you would like to come earlier, please come to the foyer of the Murray Auditorium to get your senior pictures taken. The basic package starts at \$10.00 and goes up based on what you want. Both formal and cap and gowns will be provided.

Please don't wait, get your senior pictures taken now! The last appointment time is 3:30pm **Friday, July 21.**

Hello Seniors c/o 2024,

We hope you are enjoying your summer recess. We are reaching out today to inform you of a fly-in program called **Access Davidson**. Davidson College is a private highly selective liberal arts college located in the neighboring state of North Carolina.

A fly-in program, by the way, is an expense paid opportunity for students to physically visit and explore the college. To learn more specific details about Davidson's fly-in program, please visit **The Davidson College Fly-in Program Info**



Access Davidson

Access Davidson is a selective college visit program hosted by Davidson College and designed for high school seniors from historically excluded racial and ethnic groups, those who are first in their family to attend college, and students from rural or low-income backgrounds.
www.davidson.edu

To apply, students must complete the following ~

- Submit a completed **Access Davidson Application**
- Upload their high school transcript that includes their final semester grades from 9th through their 11th grade year.
- Upload a copy of their 2023-24 school schedule.

To request a copy of your transcript, please do so via: **2023 Midtown's Parchment Link**

For those who need instructions on how to create your Parchment account and make requests for your transcript, please review **The Quick Guide to Creating a Parchment Account & Ordering Transcripts**

If you should have any questions for Davidson College, please contact admission@davidson.edu

The deadline for submission is **Tuesday August 1, 2023**.