



## Moutlake Terrace High School

### *Additional Summer Letter for Class of 2018*

July 2017

Dear Class of 2018,

Congratulations! Being a senior is an important milestone in your life and we are proud of your achievement. Before you toss your graduation cap up in the air, here is some important information to help you get to that moment.

#### ■ **Graduation & College Requirements**

It is **your** responsibility to make sure you have met all college admissions and graduation requirements, ***including testing requirements***. Log onto Skyward and check your graduation status under *Graduation Requirements*. In order to participate in the graduation ceremonies, all requirements must be met the day before graduation. *No incompletes will be accepted.*

#### ■ **Testing Requirements**

As of 6/28/17 state law is that students must pass Smarter Balanced English Language Arts Exam, Biology end-of-course exam, and pass one math exit exam (algebra 1 or geometry) or the Smarter Balanced Math exam, or a state-approved alternative in order to be eligible to graduate. Note: if you have not passed one or more sections of a required state test you may take the SAT or ACT for free. Please see your Counselor for the form and instructions. A COE class may be an option as well.

#### ■ **Counseling & Career Center / Scholarships**

Scholarships are posted in Naviance. You may also look for scholarships on [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) or [www.washboard.org](http://www.washboard.org). Our [Counseling & Career Center website](#) is full of lots of good information on applying to college, financial aid, SAT/ACT testing and more. It is extremely important to fill out the [MTHS Scholarship Application](#) so that we may consider you for scholarships and awards that our school can nominate you for. **You will only be considered for an award if you have completed this application**, so please fill out this form ASAP and attach your senior resumé, and return to Counseling Office.

#### ■ **Senior Interviews / HSBP**

All seniors are expected to complete a Senior Interview with his/her counselor during the month of October. This meeting will be helpful in guiding you through your senior year (and beyond) and is required for you in order for you to meet your state High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP) requirement. More information about senior interviews will be provided in the Fall.

- **Senior Resumés** (Click title for Sample Resumés)

All seniors are encouraged to prepare a resumé of extracurricular activities they participated in and out of high school. Resumés are needed for scholarship applications and to give to staff members for letters of recommendation.

- **Letters of Recommendation: 3 Week’s Notice REQUIRED !!!**

If the school or scholarship you are applying for requires a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor, you **MUST** give three week’s notice, provide your senior resumé, and attach the [Request for Counselor Recommendation](#) form. Counselors and teachers are extremely busy so please only request a letter of recommendation if you need one, and do not request more letters of recommendation than are required. After you request it in person, you need to also go in and request a letter through Naviance.

- **Grad Night Tickets**

Tickets will be on sale during Hawk Walk, August 30th for a one-time only substantial discount - ticket price is \$115. After that, tickets will be \$150. Tickets are non-refundable and checks should be made out to the MTHS PTSA. For more information, please contact Sandy Merten @ [sandymerten@gmail.com](mailto:sandymerten@gmail.com) or 206-498-4977.

- **Senior Yearbook Photos:** Technical requirements and professional standards for senior portraits submitted for publication in the 2017-2018 Tempo yearbook will be determined later this summer. Please watch your email for more information coming in July. The Tempo is undergoing several transitions and changes this summer and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work with the student editors.

- **ACT / SAT Test Dates**

In order for MTHS to receive a copy of your test scores you must give them our **CEEB code of 480343** when registering. Please note: ACT/SAT testing is not required for admission to community colleges. **Students on Free/Reduced lunch should see their counselor to request a fee waiver.** Remember you must re-apply for Free/Reduced Lunch every year so please do so promptly!

ACT register online @ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) - SAT register online @ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

ACT Test Dates:

<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Regular Registration Deadline</i>
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017

SAT Test Dates:

<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Regular Registration Deadline</i>
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017

- **4-year College Bound Students: Important Info! Pay Attention to Deadlines!**

Applying to college can be exciting and confusing! We have created a guide to help you through the college application process. See our [Guide to College Admissions](#) for answers to many of your questions and remember that we are here to help! We recommend that 4-year college bound

students apply to more than one college or university, and we urge you to apply online to in-state colleges and universities by **November 15th** . Please note: Out-of-state colleges and universities may have earlier application deadlines and/or may require SAT II subject tests. Be sure to check on the application deadlines for all schools to which you will apply.

- Official Transcripts: are requested through Naviance. There is no charge.
  - Give teachers & counselors at least **three week's notice** if you need letters of recommendations. *Please plan ahead!*
  - Note: our state does not have a weighted GPA. Please email your counselor if you need to know your class rank.
- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (F.A.F.S.A.) website is <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>**  
If you are going to apply for Federal Student Assistance for a post high school institution of any kind, we encourage you to submit your F.A.F.S.A. online during the month of October 2017. Students not eligible for financial aid due to immigration status may be eligible to apply for the **Washington Application for State Financial Aid (W.A.S.F.A.)**  
<http://www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa>
- We plan to host a **Financial Aid Night** for all students. More info to come in Sept.
- **Counseling Appointments**  
Students wishing to see their counselor may schedule an appointment with one of our Counseling Secretaries. **Please do not email your counselors for appointments**, but go through the secretaries. Counselors have “drop-in” time available every day, during both lunches.
- **Please note: Running Start students MUST schedule an appointment to get their quarterly enrollment form. Please do this well in advance of Running Start deadlines.**
- **Counselors are assigned by last names:**
- Last names beginning with A – D:  
**Allison Hong** – 425-431-1738 - [honga@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:honga@edmonds.wednet.edu)
  - Last names beginning with E – K:  
**Tanya Benvenuti** - 425-431-5665 - [benvenutit@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:benvenutit@edmonds.wednet.edu)
  - Last names beginning with L – Q:  
**Brad Serka** – 425-431-5659 – [serkab@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:serkab@edmonds.wednet.edu)
  - Last names beginning with R – Z:  
**Julie Petterson** – 425-431-5658 – [pettersonj@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:pettersonj@edmonds.wednet.edu)

We look forward to working with you this year and seeing you graduate in June, 2018!!

Sincerely,  
*Allison, Tanya, Brad and Julie*  
Your MTHS Counselors