

# Midlakes Middle School/High School Pupil Support Office

The entire Pupil Support Office will be available to serve you during the closure. We understand you may have questions during this uncertain and stressful time. We will do our best to provide updated information regarding community supports and resources, via the Midlakes Pupil Support website (<https://www.midlakes.org/Page/3212>) or the Midlakes COVID-19 Update website (<https://www.midlakes.org/Page/4457>). In the case that you don't have Internet access, please contact the Midlakes Technology Department, who may be able to assist you in getting online, at (315) 548-6470 or [techhelp@midlakes.org](mailto:techhelp@midlakes.org).

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## Community Resources for Food & Mental Health Support

A variety of community agencies are available to provide support to local families. Details regarding those services can be found on the Midlakes COVID-19 Update website (<https://www.midlakes.org/Page/4457>). Please contact Katie Peck or Kristin Wrobbel (Social Workers) for questions regarding possible additional resources or to obtain assistance in accessing supports.

## COVID-19 Resources for Families

The University of Rochester has compiled a variety of helpful resources for young children, tweens/teens, and parents (<https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/childrens-hospital/coronavirus-information-for-families/resources-for-families.aspx>).

## Midlakes Middle School Update

Hello MMS! I hope all of you are staying safe and healthy. I miss seeing you in school and want you to know that I am still here for you. Make sure you check my Schoology page "Counselors Corner 7th & 8th grade" for important updates, events, and helpful resources. If you would like to speak with me individually, please don't hesitate to reach out through a Schoology message or e-mail me at [aglover@midlakes.org](mailto:aglover@midlakes.org).

## Midlakes High School Update

### 2020-2021 Course Selection

The MHS Pupil Support Staff has been continuing to work with students regarding course selection for the 2020-2021 school-year. Approximately two-thirds of the students have course requests for next year, and we are working to obtain course requests for the remaining students over the next few weeks. Students can e-mail their counselor, or send a Schoology message, to begin the process of completing course requests. A copy of the 2020-2021 Course Selection Sheet and the 2020-2021 Course Catalog (which provides course descriptions for all courses) can be accessed on the Pupil Support website (<https://www.midlakes.org/Page/3212>). All students must select an ELA, Social Studies, and Physical Education course. Most students will also need a Math and Science and most likely a World Language course (French/Spanish). The rest of the schedule will consist of elective courses.

### Regents Examinations

The NYS Board of Regents has decided to cancel the June 2020 administration of all Regents Exams. Students will be held permanently exempt from an exam provided that they successfully complete the course. Students who do not successfully complete the course during the school-year can still qualify for the exemption by completing the course over the summer. Students who were retaking Regents exams in June 2020 also qualify for the exemption. There are numerous implications for

graduation, but the Board of Regents has tried to shift the emphasis of this school-year from passing Regents exams to passing courses and meeting the NYS Learning Standards. Given that students have a wide variety of ways that this decision may impact them, it is difficult to fully address all questions in this format. There is a Regents Examination and Graduation Requirements Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document that can be found on the Midlakes COVID-19 Update website (<https://www.midlakes.org/Page/4457>). Please reach out to the appropriate counselor if you would like to further discuss the implications for your situation.

### **Advanced Placement (AP) Testing**

The College Board recently announced that AP testing would move to a shortened format that is designed to be administered via a remote learning format. AP teachers have been in contact with their students regarding the changes, but more information can be found here: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>. If there are questions about AP testing, please reach out to the appropriate AP teacher or counselor.

### **Colleges**

The admissions landscape is quickly evolving as a result of COVID-19. The vast majority of Admissions Offices are operating remotely, and colleges are offering a variety of virtual programming and visit experiences. In this rapidly changing situation, the best way to obtain accurate information about an individual college will be to reach out to that college directly via their webpage or Admissions Office. If a senior needs a transcript sent during this closure, please e-mail the appropriate counselor (as previously noted).

For students who have not yet completed the Financial Aid Process for the 2020-2021 academic year, please attempt to do so as soon-as-possible, at the FAFSA website (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>).

Please feel free to reach out with questions regarding any aspect of the college process.

### **SAT & ACT Testing**

Many colleges are also evaluating the use of SAT/ACT testing in the Fall 2020 and Fall 2021 admission cycles. It is best to check with individual colleges regarding their policies. To find general information, and any test schedule changes, for the SAT, please check here: <https://pages.collegeboard.org/sat-covid-19-updates>. Similar information regarding the ACT can be found here: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/covid-19.html>.