



# Montour High School Counseling Department September E-Newsletter

Welcome to this year's first edition of the Montour High School Counseling Department E-Newsletter! As we get back into the swing of another school year, it is important that we keep you up to speed on the resources and services available to you. Throughout the school year, we will be utilizing this monthly e-newsletter to alert and inform each of you about important dates as well as grade specific activities occurring at the high school.

We encourage you to visit the guidance section of the Montour School District website, the "Counselor's Corner". This tab will contain excellent information and links to additional resources. You can access the "Counselor's Corner" at [www.montourschools.com](http://www.montourschools.com), click on "Our Schools", choose "Montour High School", and then click the "Counselor's Corner" tab on the middle of the high school's main page. Please check this website regularly as it will be updated frequently.

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## **Introduction to Naviance for Parents and Students**

Naviance is a 'one stop shop' for all of our students post-secondary planning needs whether it be researching and applying to a two or four year college/university, career research and exploration, etc... Naviance will provide students and their parent/guardians with all of the tools and resources that they need to assist them with the transition from high school. Click the link below to start exploring what Naviance has to offer.

<https://www.naviance.com/solutions/parents-students>

Please make note of the following dates for Naviance workshops for twelfth grade students and their parent/guardians:

\***Naviance Kick-Off with Grade Twelve Students - Wednesday, September 14th** (during the school day)

\***Naviance Grade Twelve Students Parent Workshop - Wednesday, September 14th** at 6:30 PM in High School Auditorium

\***Naviance Workshop with Grade Twelve Students - Thursday, September 15th** (during the school day)

### **Grade level Classroom lessons**

Each nine weeks the counselors will visit your child's social studies classrooms for instructional grade level lessons. The first nine week's lessons will include the following topics:

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Adjusting to High School, Study Habits and Keys to Success, Introduction to Naviance, Student Assistance Program overview (SAP)

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Graduation Requirements, PSAT, Introduction to Naviance, Student Assistance Program overview (SAP)

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** PSAT, College Fair, Introduction to Naviance, Student Assistance Program overview (SAP)

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** College Application process, Transcript request procedures, Introduction to Naviance, College Fair/Financial Aid Night, Student Assistance Program overview (SAP)

**Individual Student Planning:** Counselors will begin the Individual Student Planning (ISP) process with each student. The ISP component consists of school counselors engaging in one-on-one meetings with all students in an effort to assist with the development of personal goals and the establishment of future plans.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's counselor. We look forward to working with you this year!