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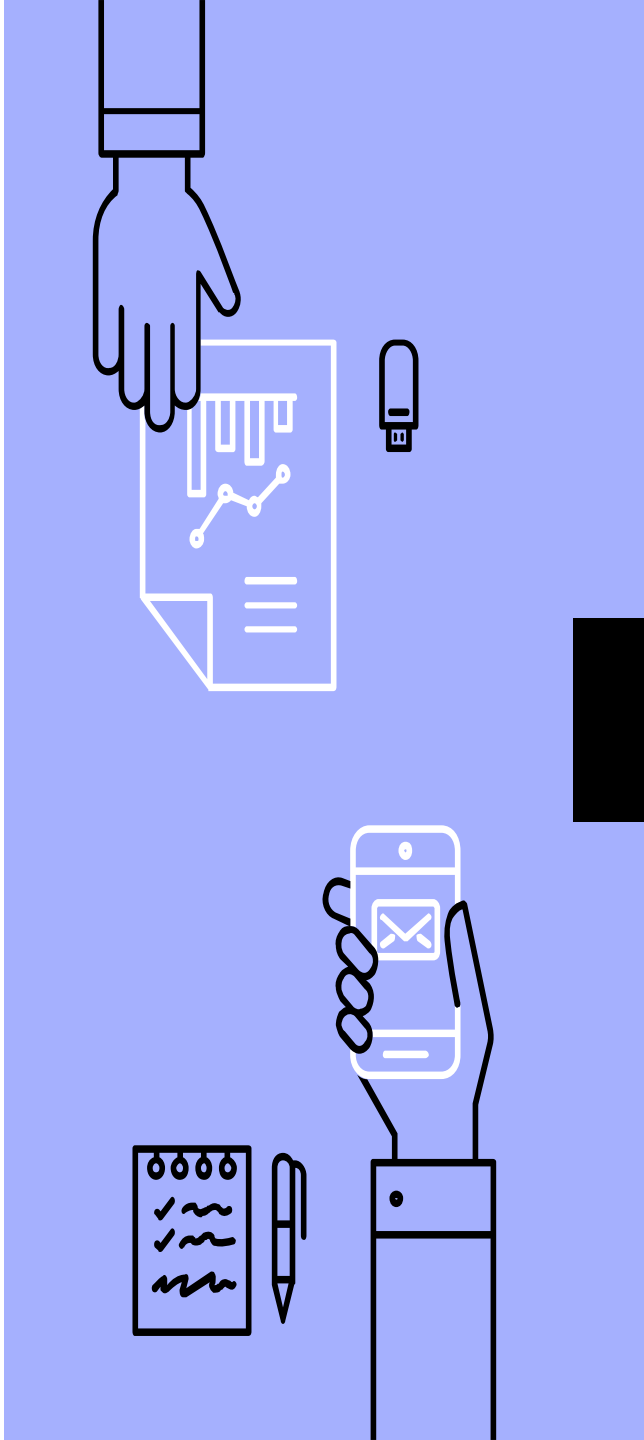
8th Grade Parent Meeting

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Agenda

1. Loiederman Resources & Important Information
2. 8th Grade Field Trips and Activities
3. High School Choice and Magnet Timelines
4. Questions



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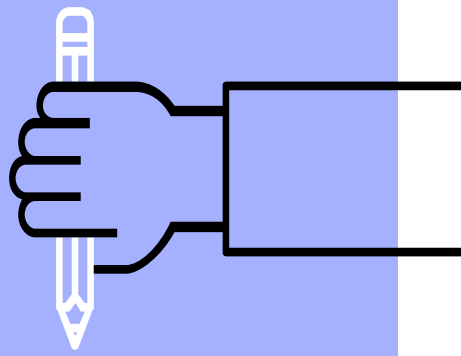
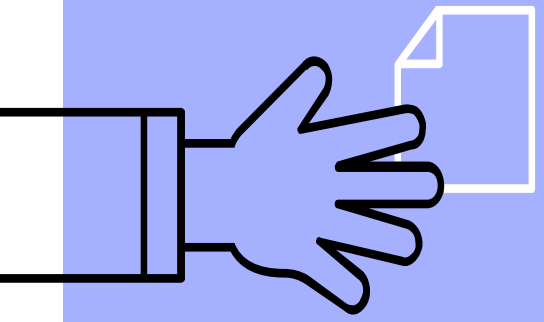
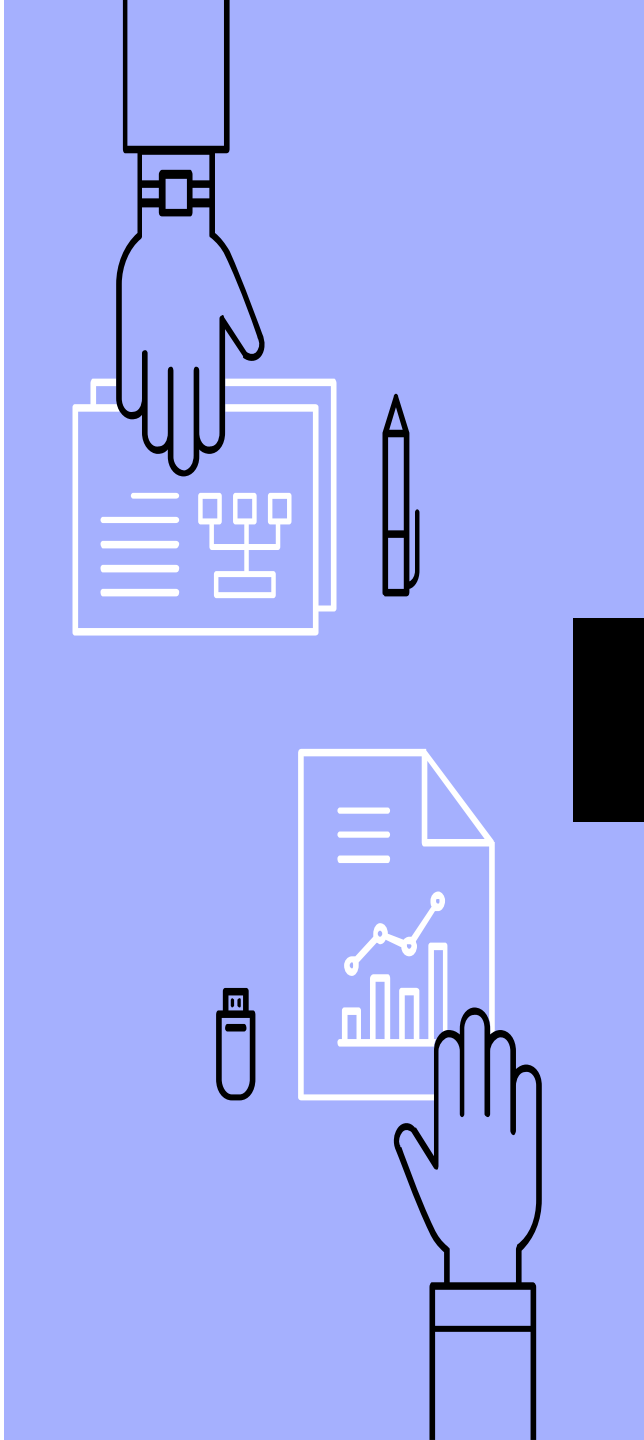


Available Resources



Academic Resources

- Teacher assistance after school IF previously arranged
- Teacher help at lunch IF students have a pass in advance
- Saturday School (George B. Thomas Academy)



Social / Emotional Resources

- School Counselors
- Administrators and Teachers
- Linkages to Learning
  - groups for students and parents
  - individual and family therapy
  - resources
- Stress Free Lunch
- Media Center - relaxation during lunch

Excel Beyond the Bell

What is EBB?

- A Community Partnership between Montgomery County Collaboration Council, Excel Beyond the Bell, MCRD and MCPS to bring quality, enriching and safe after school programs to our youth

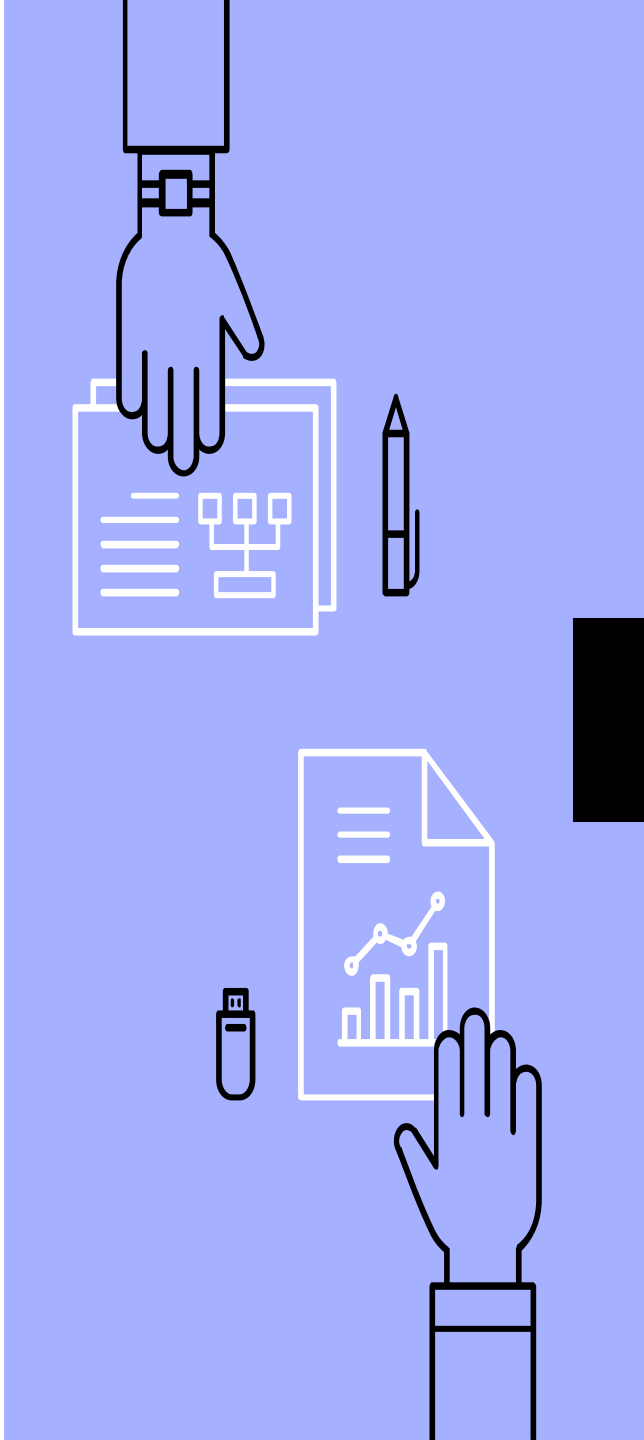
How Does It Work?

- 3:05-5:15 pm
- Hot meal served
- Enriching programs
- Opportunities for academic support
- Activity bus

EXCEL
Beyond the Bell
Laugh. Learn. Achieve.

Linkages to Learning

Adult ESOL classes:
Day: Monday & Wednesday
Time: 5:45 to 8:15pm
*Parents must attend registration night on September 18.

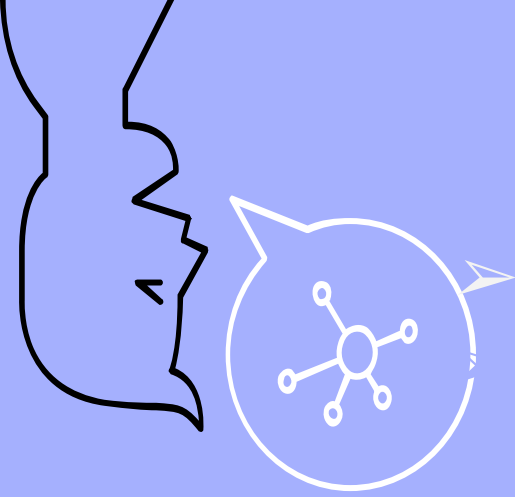


Stay Connected

- ❑ Listen to the Sunday night phone calls
- ❑ Read materials that come home
- ❑ Check the school website (Newsletter)
- ❑ Use MyMCPS Portal to keep track of assignments
- ❑ Attend the High School Choice Open Houses
- ❑ Ask your child what happened in school
  - YES, even when they tell you "nothing"
- ❑ Ask questions of your child's teachers, counselor, and/or their administrator
  - Email is the best form of contact
- ❑ Get involved with parent groups
- ❑ **If you need immediate assistance, please call the administrator or the counselor**

8th Grade Field Trips & Activities

8th Grade Field Trips



<u>Local</u>

Theater Walking Trip - Dec

Choice Field Trip - April

<u>New York</u>

Show: TBD

50 Spots

Spend the day seeing NYC

<u>End of Year Cruise</u>

June 11

$60-$70

Lunch cruise w/DJ

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High School Choice Process

DCC & NEC High Schools

Down County Consortium

5 High Schools

Blair

Wheaton

Kennedy

Northwood

Einstein

Northeast Consortium

3 High Schools

Blake

Springbrook

Paint Branch

- **Be on the lookout for the Milestones information booklet**
- **The application process will be discussed in Science in October**
- **Choice forms are now ELECTRONIC!**

DCC High School Options Fair

Thursday, September 26

John F. Kennedy HS, 1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring

6:30 pm: DCC HS Table Fair, VAC & Edison Presentation

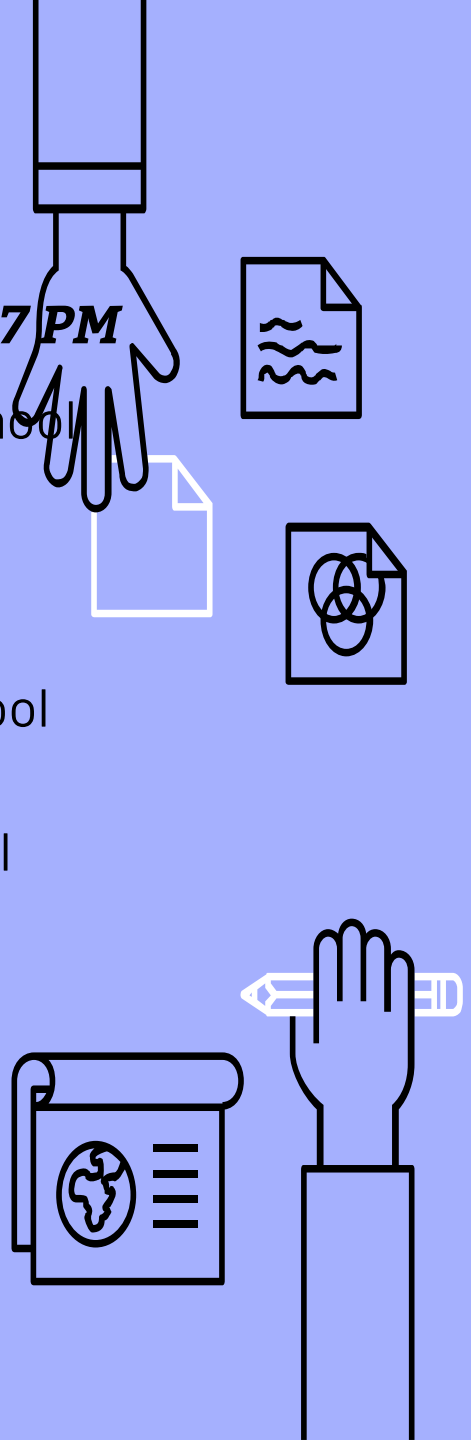
7:00 pm: DCC Academy Programs Presentation

8:00 pm: DCC HS Table Fair & Application Programs Presentation

DCC High Schools

Open House Schedule - Nightly at 7 PM

Thursday, October 3, 2019	Montgomery Blair High School
Thursday, October 10, 2019	Wheaton High School
Thursday, October 17, 2019	John F. Kennedy High School
Thursday, October 24, 2019	Albert Einstein High School
Tuesday, October 22, 2019	Northwood High School



NEC High School Options Fair

Wednesday, October 2

Blake HS, 300 Norwood Road, Silver Spring

6:30 pm: NEC HS Table Fair, VAC & Edison Presentation

7:00 pm: NEC Signature Programs Presentation

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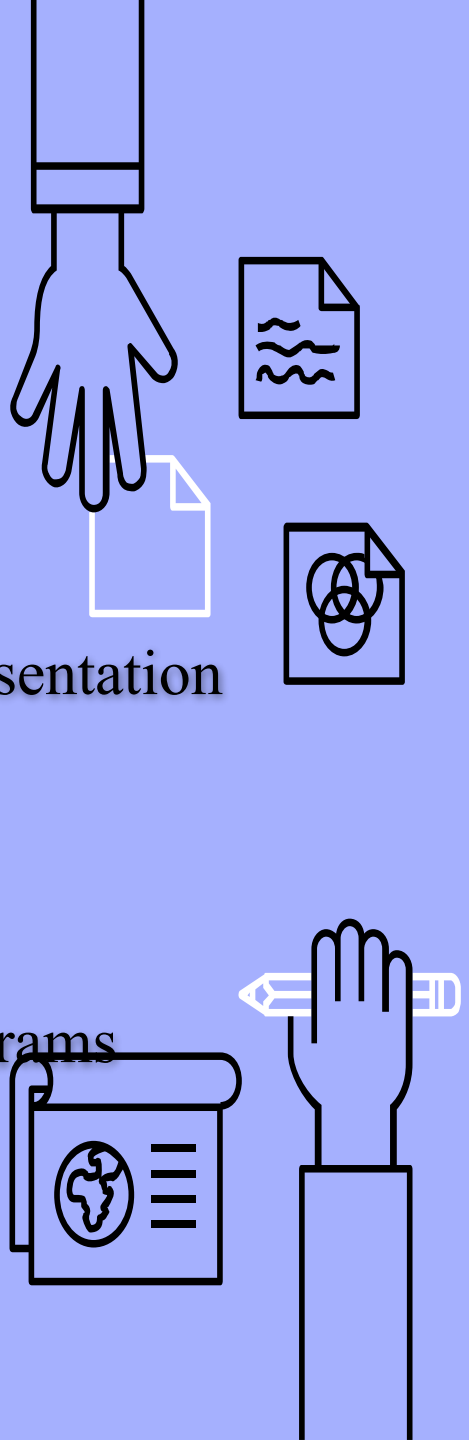


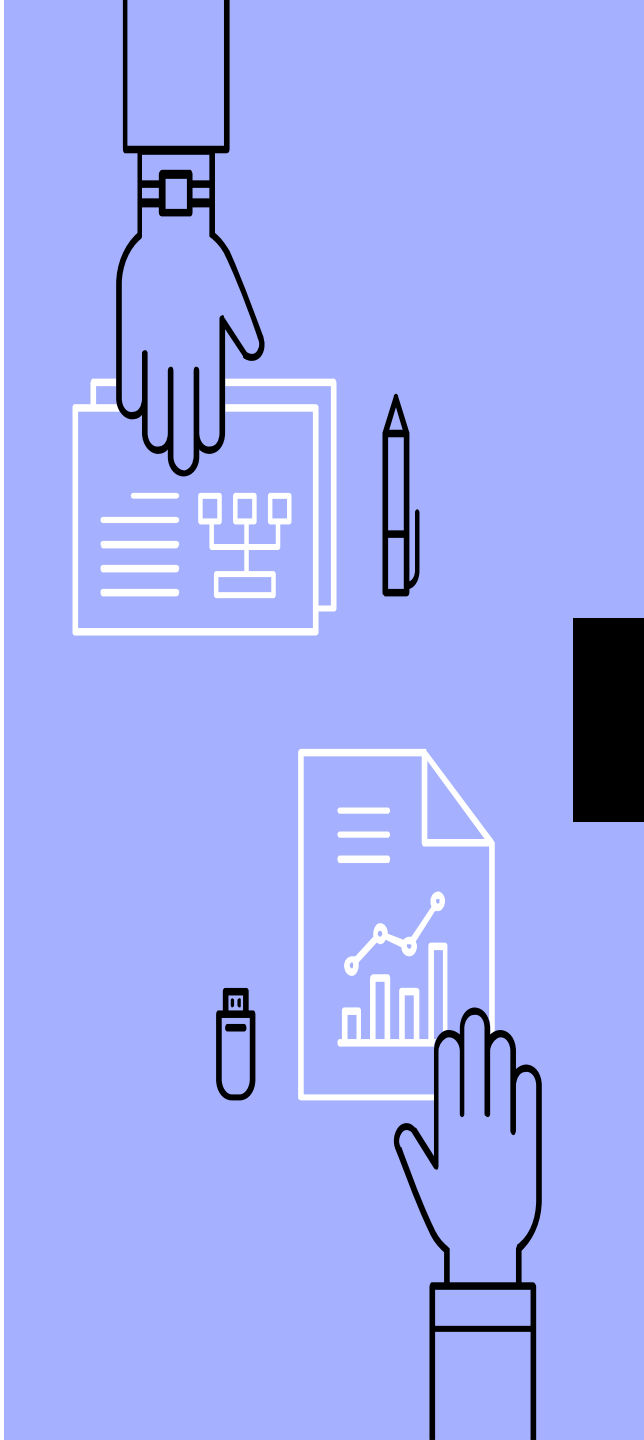
Application-Only Programs & Process

Application-Only Program Sites

- Visit this site to see the HS Application Programs at a Glance

- Visit this site to see the Countywide, Regional, and Consortia Special Programs by school.

There is a $35 (waivable for FARMS) application fee



Admission Process Overview

- All currently enrolled Grade 8 students will receive:
  - A personalized high school eligibility report regarding their application programs
  - The regional/countywide application link in their student portal (Parent portal also); available early October
- New students after September 20 may apply on the general application link
- Deadline for application is November 1.
- Criteria-based programs will administer an assessment.
- Notification to parents/guardians and Grade 8 students will occur February 2020 and all high school results will be on one letter

Student Magnet & Application Programs Checklist

- Students who are interested in applying for one or more of the Magnet Programs should notify Mr. Risse.
- Mr. Risse will work with Mr. Muhn and Ms. Stouffer to guide students through the step-by-step application process.

Key Highlights

Application Deadline

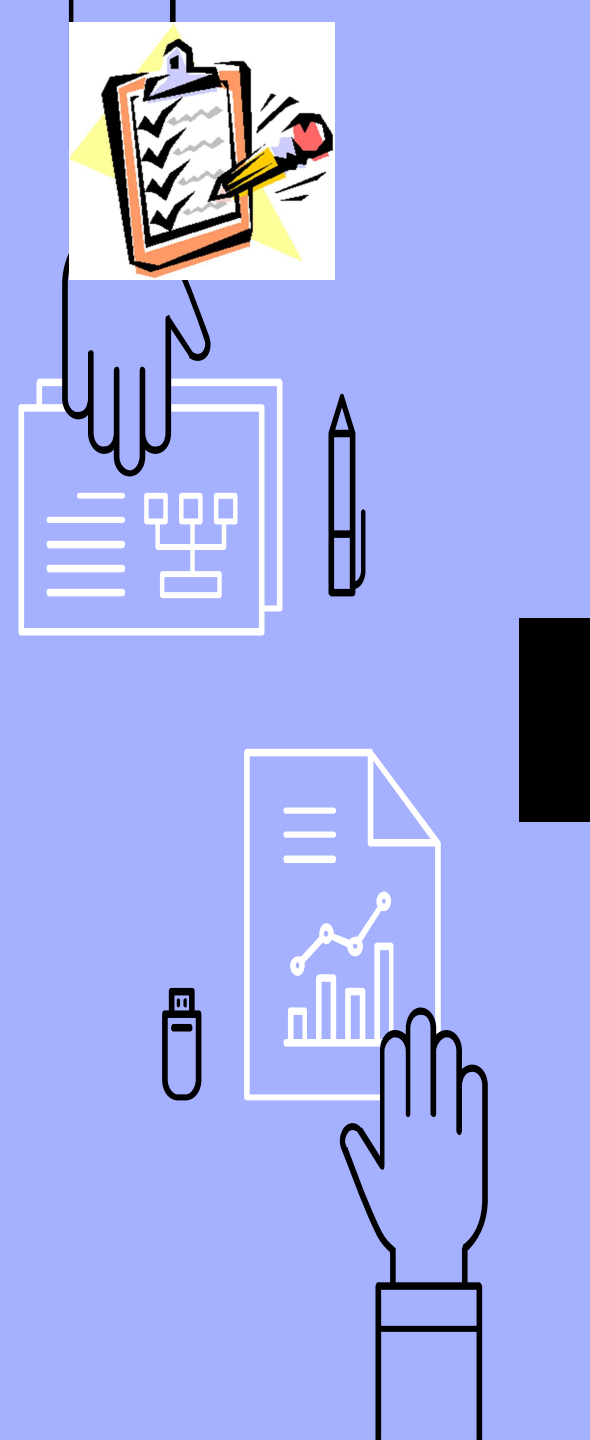
Magnet help sessions

Testing Dates

Teacher Recommendations

Essay Writing

Magnet Program Visits to LMS



Important Dates

- ★ H.S. Choice Open House Dates (on pink flier)
  HS Application Programs At-A-Glance

- ★ H.S. Choice Forms due November 1, 2019
- ★ 8th Grade Cruise - Spirit Cruise in Baltimore on June 11th
- ★ 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony on June 11th @ Wheaton HS

Students must take care of all pending obligations in order to participate in end of year activities.

Questions