



July 2017

Dear High School Students and Parents:

I hope you are enjoying your summer and looking forward to starting a new school year at Mid-Pacific. We have a great year ahead of us, and this letter contains important information to start off right. Listed below are a few events that you should put on your calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.

The best thing you can do to stay on top of the demands of a busy year is to regularly check myPueo at [www.midpac.edu/mypueo](http://www.midpac.edu/mypueo) as important new information about what is happening at school--including school schedule changes, activities, announcements, and specific grade level info--will be posted throughout the summer and school year. Additionally, myPueo private reports will contain confidential information specific to you:

- Course Listings (for buying textbooks)—available July 1;
- Class Schedules (including specific period and room assignments)—available in August;
- Report Cards and other reports—available as they are created during the year;

Please contact [myPueo@midpac.edu](mailto:myPueo@midpac.edu) if you have not received your student and/or parent login IDs/passwords for myPueo or for technology assistance.

**High School Opening Events:**

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| <p>Monday, July 10 -<br/>Monday, July 24</p> | <p>The Mid-Pacific Online Bookstore Opens and Free Shipping for Textbook Orders over \$149. Please go to <a href="http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/midpac">http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/midpac</a>. Use your Mid-Pacific Student ID number to speed up the ordering process using FastPass. FastPass provides convenience to order your books/apps associated with your courses automatically. Please contact MBS Customer Service at 1-800-325-3252 or <a href="mailto:VB@mbsDirect.net">VB@mbsDirect.net</a> if you have any questions. MBS Bookstore will be available throughout the school year.<br/><b>Summer Reading</b> is required for all students and must be completed by the first day of school. This summer's reading novel is <u>Ready Player One</u> by Ernest Cline (ISBN 978-0307887443).</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, July 12<br/>5:30-7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>iParent Presentation for Middle School/High School @ Bakken. This presentation is focused on how to manage the iPad and the importance of being a good digital citizen. We discuss trending apps, social media and student iPad usage. There will be time allowed for questions and answers.</p>  |
| <p>Wednesday, July 19<br/>5:30-7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>myPueo Training @ Wood Hall. This hands-on training is focused on learning how to navigate Mid-Pacific's myPueo website. We encourage you to bring your own device so you can practice locating information from the school, assignments and grades from the teacher.</p>   |
| <p>Wednesday, July 26<br/>4:00-6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>iPad Distribution @ Bakken for all students who did not receive an iPad during the summer.</p>  |

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| Wednesday, August 2<br>4:00-6:00 p.m.     | iPad Distribution @ Bakken for all students who did not receive an iPad during the summer.  |
| Thursday, August 3<br>9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | International Families Orientation. More information will be sent to families from our International Liaison.   |
| Friday, August 11<br>8:00 a.m.            | First Day of School for ALL 9th Grade Students (New and Returning)  |
|   | First Day of School for NEW 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Students   |
|   | New Parent Orientation  |
|   | Parents and students should report to Bakken Auditorium at 8:00 a.m. Parents should plan to stay until 9:30 a.m. Students will participate in activities and have an opportunity to meet classmates and teachers. Dismissal for students is 1:00 p.m. Students are welcome to bring a home lunch. Plate lunches will be available for purchase in the cafeteria for \$7.00.   |
| Monday, August 14<br>7:55 a.m.            | First Day of School for All Returning Students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 (second day for new and 9th grade students). We will be following a modified MONDAY schedule (see enclosure). All students will begin the day in the Gym for an all-school meeting. Reminder: once students are on-campus, they are required to stay on campus. There are NO OFF-CAMPUS PRIVILEGES unless specifically communicated to Juniors or Seniors by their Deans.   |
| Thursday-Friday<br>August 17-18           | School ID's – Students are required to have a student ID card to use in the cafeteria, library and to participate in school and athletic events. Students in grades 9-11 will be escorted during English class to be photographed and are required to be in dress code. A schedule will be posted in the daily bulletin and on myPueo. Families are welcome to purchase photo packages. Price list envelope and more information will be sent home with your student and will also be posted on myPueo. <b>Student ID cards will be issued in homeroom.</b> (Seniors should have arranged for their senior portraits with Ace Portraits during the summer.) |
| Thursday, August 24<br>5:30 p.m.          | Back to School Night - Parents begin the evening in Homeroom and follow the student's schedule to meet each teacher. More info available soon. We look forward to seeing you then!  |
| Thursday, August 31<br>5:30-7:00 p.m.     | iParent Presentation @ Bakken (for those who have not attended previously).   |

Other important dates are included in the attached calendar.

The 2017-2018 calendar includes four, full-day Professional Development days for our faculty to continue to develop the most effective ways to engage students in the classroom. We appreciate your continued support of the work our faculty are doing to enhance student learning at Mid-Pacific and for supporting these opportunities for teachers to come together to learn from each other for the benefit of your children. As noted on the calendar, there will be no school for students on **Friday, October 6, Thursday, November 9, Friday, February 16, and Monday, April 2.**

Please also note that **Wednesday, October 11** is listed as PSAT day. On this day 10th and 11th graders will take the PSAT, freshman will do class activities, and seniors have a college counseling program. All students will be released by 12:30 pm on that day.

**Please have the following completed prior to the first day of school. Details are available on myPueo:**

- All new students must submit a completed and updated Mid-Pacific Student Health Record including new TB clearance prior to July 28.  
(More info at: <http://www.midpac.edu/mypueo/healthcenter/>)
- ALL students are required to have **medical insurance**.
- Please familiarize yourself with our **Family Handbook** and **Dress Code Policy**.
- We offer a debit card program for **food purchases** at Scudder Dining Hall and the caboose.
- **Lockers** – All students will be assigned a locker. Students are required to provide their own lock. Locker information will be posted in private reports.
- **School Supplies** vary by class and teacher. A list of supplies required for each class/teacher is posted on myPueo. Please be advised that other supplies may be requested by the teacher on the first day of school.
- **Student Parking** – Limited student parking is available on campus.
- **Athletes and dance students** must have a current student health record on file with the school nurse (usually updated annually on the anniversary of previous physical) before the first day of practice for athletes and first day of class for dancers. Please contact the MPSA Department at 973-5071 or Athletics at 973-5095 for more information. Varsity football players must complete the Pac-5 Medical Information Waiver. Please contact the Athletic Department at 973-5095 for more information.

Mid-Pacific utilizes on-campus **web filtering** on all of our campus desktops, laptops and student iPads. FAQs on web filtering can be found here: <http://www.midpac.edu/mypueo/webfilter.php>. In addition, we have also incorporated web filtering on student iPads when used off campus through a service called Securly. More information about Securly can be found here: <https://www.securly.com/>.

If you are interested in chartered bus transportation for your child, please contact Ground Transport at (808)833-4222.

I look forward to meeting you during the school year. Please contact me at 973-5019 or e-mail [tmcmanus@midpac.edu](mailto:tmcmanus@midpac.edu) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Thomas McManus  
High School Principal

Enclosures