



# Mary Lyon

*Pilot High School Guidance Newsletter*

## Welcome from the MLPHS Guidance Office

Dear Students and Families,

It is a pleasure to introduce you to the first issue of the 2015-2016. As a school we believe that it is important to share with the MLPHS community who we are, what we do, and our role in helping students. We hope that this newsletter will be a valuable mode of communication between families and the school, particularly as it relates to transition and post-secondary planning.

It is the goal of the guidance office to promote appropriate academic and career growth for all students.

In this issue, you will find important dates, student advisor assignments, defined role of support personnel and answers to frequently asked questions. We are excited to introduce the newsletter as an opportunity to communicate items of interest and important related to guidance. We hope that you find this newsletter and future issues to be helpful throughout the year.

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### Your Plan for the Future



Your Plan for the Future (YPPF) is a web-based program that BPS students use to explore their personal interest and strengths and careers that match their personalities. In addition students use YPPF to research colleges and scholarship information. Ask the Guidance Staff about parent login info so you can help monitor your child's progress.



## Grade Level Announcements

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Guidance Advisory meets every Monday during the advisory block. The purpose of advisory this year will be to assist in the transition into high school and establish a 4 year plan for post-secondary success. Students learn how to use Your Plan for the Future (YPPF), begin career exploration, and study skills/time management.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Guidance Advisory meets every Thursday during the advisory block. This advisory will focus on such topics as knowing graduation requirements, 4 year plan, study skills, MCAS, PSAT and Identifying career interest.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Guidance Advisory meets every Monday during advisory. The purpose is to prepare students as they continue exploring their post-secondary options and plan for the future. Junior advisory will focus on such topics as the college entrance requirements, alternative post-secondary options, perfecting a professional resume, and the summer before their senior year.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Guidance Advisory meets every Monday during advisory. This time for seniors this year will be crucial. Each senior is required to schedule 3 1 on 1 guidance meetings before graduation. The focus of advisory will be the college application process as well as solidifying their post-secondary goals.



# The Mary Lyon Pilot High School

## Who Works in the Guidance Office



### Ms. Green

**Guidance Counselor**

Ms. Green has been working for the Mary Lyon for the past 6 years. She is a graduate of Virginia State University and Simmons College and this makes her 20<sup>th</sup> year with the Boston Public Schools. She is excited to continue helping your children achieve their post-secondary goals as they transition through the next 4 years. Please feel free to contact the Guidance Office at (617) 635-8351.



### Ms. Tessmann

**College Advisor**

Ms. Tessmann graduated from Boston University in 2013 and spent the last two years working for City Year Boston. She is excited to join the Mary Lyon community and to assist student with the college application process and post secondary planning. Ms. Tessman will at the Lyon Monday and Thursdays this year.



### Ms. Cote

**PIC Advisor**

Cat Cote graduated from Smith College with a degree in Sociology and African Studies. She joined the Private Industry Council (PIC) this January, and loves her job of supporting Boston Public High School students through their career exploration. She is eager to serve the students of the Mary Lyon by providing career development training and job opportunities

**Seniors**

- Finalize Colleges
- Common App
- Complete College Applications based on Early or Regular deadlines
- Schedule Guidance Meeting 1

**Juniors**

- Sign- Up and attend College Rep visits
- Complete the career interest profiler on YPPF
- Take PSAT

**Sophomores**

- Complete the Personality Inventory on YPPF
- Update Resume
- Take PSAT
- Take MCAS

**Freshmen**

- Create 4 year transition plan
- Check out school's clubs and activities
- Register for YPPF

**Upcoming Guidance Dates &**

September 18<sup>th</sup> - Registration deadline for October 24<sup>th</sup> ACT

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Registration deadline for Oct 3rd SAT

September 24<sup>th</sup> – Open House High School 6:00PM

**October** is College Month

October 5<sup>th</sup> - Framingham State University Rep Visit

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Mass College of Pharmacy Rep Visit

October 17<sup>th</sup> – District College Fair – Madison Park

October 15<sup>th</sup> – UMASS Boston Rep Visit

October 19<sup>th</sup> - Senior Seminar on Gates Scholarship

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Wentworth Rep Visit

**November**

November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Lassell College Rep Visit

November 6<sup>th</sup> - Term 1 ends

**Senior Seminars** – Assistance with the College Application Process:

Dates TBA