

Montgomery County Public Schools

Benjamin Banneker Middle School

A Northeast Consortium School



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Dear Parent/Guardian of:

We are pleased to introduce Family Connection – a comprehensive website that you and your student can use to make plans about colleges and careers. Family Connection is linked with Naviance™, a service used in MCPS Secondary Schools to actively engage students in the college and career exploration, and post-secondary planning process.

At the middle school level, Family Connection allows your student to:

- Research colleges
- Research careers – research hundreds of careers and career clusters, and take career assessments.
- Create plans for the future – create goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned by the school to better prepare your student for future college and career goals.

Counselors will be providing lessons to students in grades 6 through 8 several times throughout the school year. The lesson topics and sequences for each grade level, as well as your parent activation code and Naviance Parent Workshop information can be found on the backside of this letter. To visit our school's Family Connection site, access either the Benjamin Banneker website or enter this URL into an Internet browser (preferably Google Chrome): <http://connection.naviance.com/benjaminmiddle>

We hope that you will find this resource helpful. If you have questions about Family Connection, please contact your child's counselor. In addition, if you are looking for other resources available in the county, please look up the Career Readiness for Students Link on the Montgomery County Public Schools website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/career-readiness/>.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Banneker Counseling Department
Grade 6 – Mrs. Tran
Grade 7 – Mrs. Drakes
Grade 8 – Mrs. Lee (A-L) and Mrs. Thomas (M-Z)

Activating Your Parent Access Code for Family Connection

To access Family Connection-Naviance, go to the Benjamin Banneker website and look under Quick Links in the left toolbar or using Google Chrome Internet Browser, enter the URL <http://connection.naviance.com/benjaminmiddle>. Be sure to bookmark this link to your home computer or device for future ease of access.

When you visit the site for the first time, enter your personal registration code in the New User box and follow the on-screen instructions to create your own account. Note that you and your student may receive different registration codes, and that each code can be used only once. Once you have your own account, you will sign in using the user name and password you chose during the registration process.

Parent Name:

Parent Access Code:

Family Connection-Naviance Parent Workshop Dates

- Wednesday, November 8, 2017 during the 6:30PM PTSA Meeting in the Media Center
- ~~Wednesday, December 13, 2017 in the media center~~
- Check the Benjamin Banneker website for workshop registration information

Naviance Lesson Topics and Sequence

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Q1	Intro to Naviance – scavenger hunt and middle school entrance survey	Intro to Naviance – Strengths Explorer survey and creating SMART goals	Goal Setting and Career Exploration – creating SMART goals and Career Key survey
Q2	Goal Setting – Road Trip Nation and creating SMART Goals	Career Exploration – Career Cluster Finder survey and linking to career pathways	Transitioning to High School – creating a High School Graduation Planner
Q3	Career Exploration – Career Cluster Finder survey and linking to career pathways	Planning for 8 th Grade – Road Trip Nation and end of year survey	Career Exploration – review of Career Key results and complete Transition to High School survey
Q4			