

## **Important Information from the Guidance Department**

*For additional information, please visit our website: [www.melroseschools.com](http://www.melroseschools.com), and click on the “Guidance” link, which you can access from the “High School” link.*

### **FRESHMEN** *Class of 2013*

M.H.S. Guidance Counselors will be meeting all freshmen in small groups beginning Monday, October 5th through Wednesday, October 7, 2009. Counselors will report to each Wellness class during this time frame, and will form small groups with students who fall into his or her caseload. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and counselors to make an initial connection, and to discuss some topics of interest to our newest members of Melrose High School. Such topics include:

- Understanding credits, course levels and the grading system at M.H.S.
- Making connections at M.H.S. – with other students, teachers, counselors and administrators.
- Presentation of an official M.H.S. transcript and the information it contains about a student’s academic record.
- Establishing strong study skills.
- Establishing a record of high academic standards.
- Review of the M.H.S. Attendance Policy.
- Review of the Code of Conduct according to the M.H.S. Student Handbook.
- Encouraging involvement in athletics and other extracurricular activities.
- Any other issues of interest or concern raised by the students.

Each freshman will receive an “Orientation Packet” with relevant and important information. We ask that you spend some time talking to your son or daughter about his or her transition to Melrose High School, and do not hesitate to contact your child’s guidance counselor with any specific questions or concerns.