

Are **YOU** brave enough to take the road less traveled?

Monroe County  
Middle College



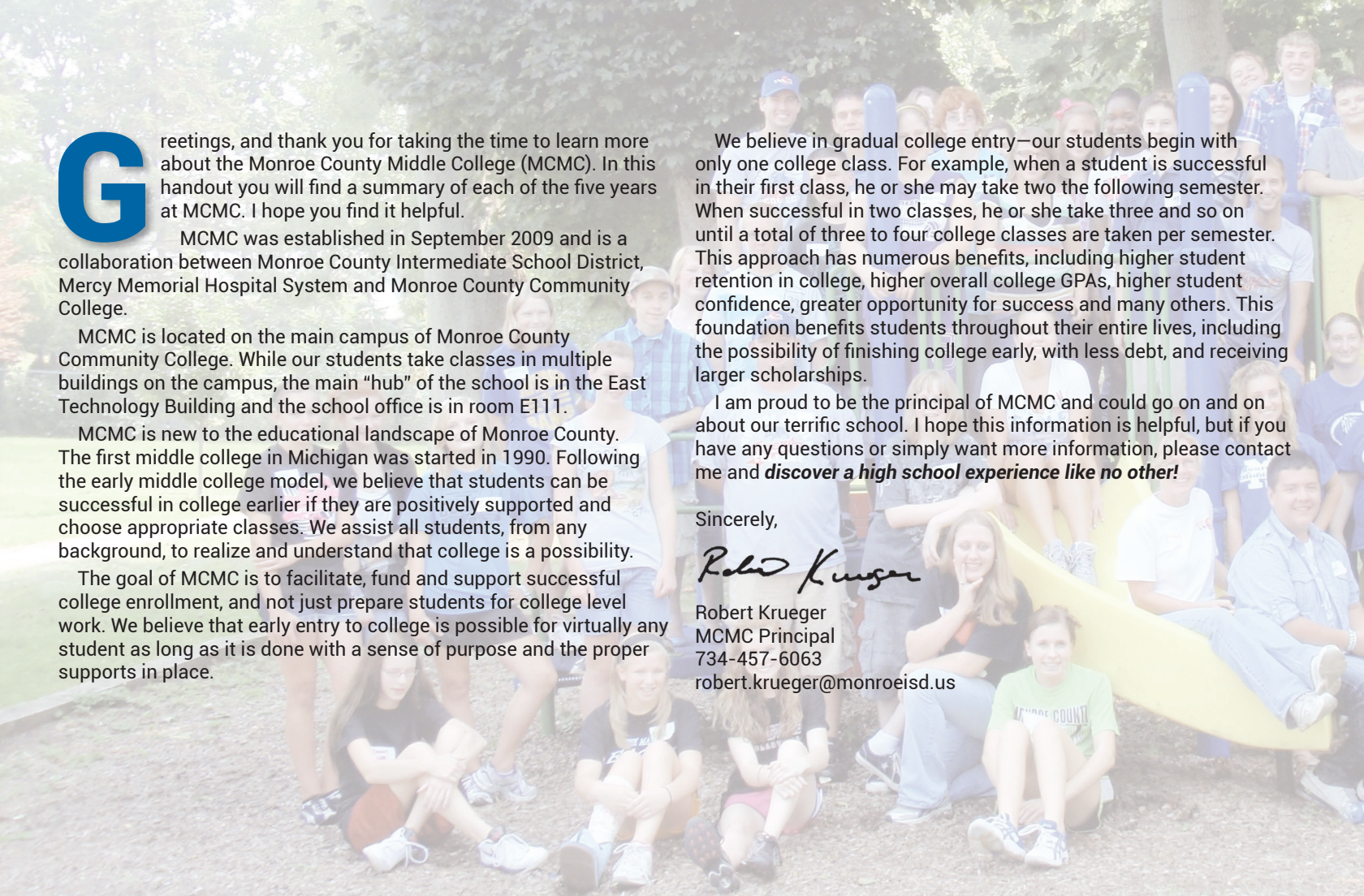
# EXPLORE

## The Monroe County Middle College

STRETCH YOUR INTELLECT AND HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE  
REACH YOUR POTENTIAL!

**DISCOVER** a high school experience like no other!





**G**reetings, and thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Monroe County Middle College (MCMC). In this handout you will find a summary of each of the five years at MCMC. I hope you find it helpful.

MCMC was established in September 2009 and is a collaboration between Monroe County Intermediate School District, Mercy Memorial Hospital System and Monroe County Community College.

MCMC is located on the main campus of Monroe County Community College. While our students take classes in multiple buildings on the campus, the main “hub” of the school is in the East Technology Building and the school office is in room E111.

MCMC is new to the educational landscape of Monroe County. The first middle college in Michigan was started in 1990. Following the early middle college model, we believe that students can be successful in college earlier if they are positively supported and choose appropriate classes. We assist all students, from any background, to realize and understand that college is a possibility.

The goal of MCMC is to facilitate, fund and support successful college enrollment, and not just prepare students for college level work. We believe that early entry to college is possible for virtually any student as long as it is done with a sense of purpose and the proper supports in place.

We believe in gradual college entry—our students begin with only one college class. For example, when a student is successful in their first class, he or she may take two the following semester. When successful in two classes, he or she take three and so on until a total of three to four college classes are taken per semester. This approach has numerous benefits, including higher student retention in college, higher overall college GPAs, higher student confidence, greater opportunity for success and many others. This foundation benefits students throughout their entire lives, including the possibility of finishing college early, with less debt, and receiving larger scholarships.

I am proud to be the principal of MCMC and could go on and on about our terrific school. I hope this information is helpful, but if you have any questions or simply want more information, please contact me and ***discover a high school experience like no other!***

Sincerely,



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## SCHOOL PROFILE

- Student enrollment for 2014-2015 school year: 248, total 64% female 36% male
- Percentage of students eligible for free/reduced lunch: 35%
- Average number of college credits attained by graduate: 52
- 42% of students from the inaugural class earned an Associates or equivalent
- Average ACT score 22.9
- Average college class pass rate of 90% with a letter grade of C or higher
- 3.14 average college GPA
- MDE recognition as a reward school for the 2014-15 school year.

*Our goal is to assist all students, from any background, to realize and understand that college is a possibility.*

“ YOUR FIRST YEAR WILL BE THE START OF A HUGE TRANSITION. YOU WILL BE AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION ... ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU ARE HERE FOR A REASON. ”

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## How is MCMC different?

To start, you are on a college campus. That is a **MAJOR** difference.

You will have the chance to have lots of fun within your classes, at school-wide events, bowling events, etc but while on a college campus, expect to act like a mature college student. It is very likely that as you are walking in the hallway you are walking near college professors, employees, even the college president! It is also different because not everyone moves at the same time. In a traditional high school the bell rings, it gets crazy loud for four or five minutes, and then quiet again. However, while moving from class to class at MCMC, it is likely that you will pass by college classes still in session.

Ninth grade is all about learning to handle transitions, develop **STRONG** study skills and be very organized. The best part is every person at MCMC is here to help you with anything you need.

It's okay to be nervous... just know that the first week is "Welcome Week!" Anything you need, just let one of your MCMC family members know!

Also, many students have expressed that the first year is one of the most complicated transitions of the MCMC experience. You have made a decision to try something different and some of your friends may not understand the change. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** You just happen to be brave enough to take the road less traveled.



# 9th Grade: YEAR ONE

## NINTH GRADE AT MCMC IS SIMILAR TO A TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN MANY WAYS.

Ninth grade classes are taught by Middle College teachers. There are no college professors—yet! Another similarity is that there are six periods in a day. All classes are one hour long with the exception of Focus, which is 45 minutes.

### 9TH GRADE COURSES



- English 9
- Geometry
- World History
- Biology
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Focus

*Each of these classes, with the exception of Focus, is a high school requirement for graduation.*

### FRESHMAN PERSPECTIVE

Some advice from fellow MCMC students include:

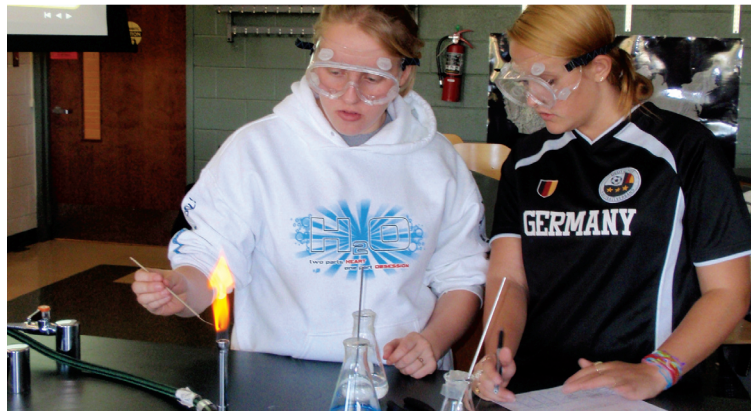
*"Being a Freshman was one of the most nerve-racking things I have ever experienced. Just everything all together: new people, a college campus, and new teachers. But I really liked a lot of my classes and LOVED my teachers. My day was usually full of laughter."*



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“ BEING IN THIS SCHOOL HAS GIVEN ME MANY OPPORTUNITIES THAT I WOULD NOT HAVE EXPERIENCED IF I HAD GONE TO A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL. ”

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### MCMC FEATURES

- Small school setting
- All Middle College instruction by highly qualified, Michigan certified teachers
- Dual enrollment classes are taken at MCCC and taught by MCCC staff members or adjunct professors



“ YOUR TEACHERS WILL  
PROVIDE YOU WITH  
EXCEPTIONAL COLLEGE  
EXPERIENCES. YOU  
CAN FEEL CONFIDENT  
ABOUT YOUR FUTURE. ”

# 10th Grade: YEAR TWO

**WELCOME BACK! ALL THOSE NERVES YOU HAD LAST YEAR ARE GONE AND YOU ARE AN EXPERT BY NOW, RIGHT?**

## **TENTH GRADE AT MCMC IS GREAT!**

You have most likely been here for a year already and are back for year two. Tenth grade is the year that most students start their college experience. This is a major step in your educational experience and one that shouldn't be taken lightly. Just think, most of your friends will not be starting college for another two and a half years!

## **10TH GRADE COURSES**

- English 10
- US History
- Chemistry
- Medical Terminology
- Math (either Algebra 1 or Algebra 2)
- Focus

All classes are one hour long with the exception of Focus which is 45 minutes. In ninth grade, you experienced a transition from middle school to high school... In 10th grade, **we kick it up a notch** and help you transition to college.

We will help you pick out a college class, complete COMPASS testing, and much more so you will be ready for college in January of your 10th grade year.

A piece of advice from Mr. Krueger: *If you are unsure about taking a college class...WAIT! Delaying college by one semester is not a big deal.* We would much rather have you wait a semester, gain some confidence and skills, and begin college in 11th grade. There is plenty of time built into our school curriculum to receive 60 college credits. At MCMC we focus on quality over quantity. This means we would rather have a student achieve success with 45 credits at a 3.5 GPA versus 60 credits at a 2.5.

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“ THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CLASSES IS THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING INDEPENDENTLY. YOUR MIDDLE COLLEGE TEACHERS WILL BE THERE TO HELP YOU—EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE IN CHARGE OF THE PACE! ”



A close-up photograph of several hands reaching towards the center, forming a huddle. The hands are in various stages of focus, with the one in the foreground being sharp and others blurred in the background. A red, textured sleeve is visible on the left side of the frame.

**Welcome to year three!**

11TH GRADE AT MCMC  
MIGHT BE THE TOUGHEST  
YEAR, BUT DON'T WORRY,  
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!



# 11th Grade: YEAR THREE

**THIS YEAR YOU MAKE THE TRANSITION TO BEING A HALF-TIME COLLEGE STUDENT AND HALF-TIME MCMC STUDENT.**

In 9th and 10th grade, you were mostly “high school” students. This year you will make a big transition to college. Some of you will have two college classes, others will have three. Remember, we consider many things when it comes to taking college classes. This is SERIOUS business and we want you to have a great experience.



## 11TH GRADE COURSES

- English 11
- Civics (first semester)
- Economics (second semester)
- Algebra 2 (if still needed)
- Some students may have Math Lab

**THAT MIGHT NOT SOUND LIKE A LOT BUT YOU ARE ALSO TAKING AT LEAST TWO COLLEGE CLASSES.**

*Instead of going to Focus every day, you will have an MCMC staff member dedicated to you and to whom you will report on a regular basis. How often you meet with this person depends on your needs, but typically you will meet with your assigned staff member once every two weeks.*



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“ I REMEMBER HOW NERVOUS I WAS ON MY FIRST DAY SO I CAN'T REALLY SAY THAT YOU WON'T BE SCARED. I THINK THAT MCMC IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS THAT HAPPENED FOR ME. ONCE EVERYTHING IS IN A ROUTINE, YOU'LL BE MORE THAN FINE!

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“ACT MATURE EVEN WHEN OTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE ACTING IMMATURE...IT REALLY MAKES OUR SCHOOL SHINE.”

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## 12th Grade: YEAR FOUR

In year four, you've made the transition to primarily being a college student. With this transition comes greater responsibility. This year you will take at least three, maybe even four college classes each semester and you may have only one or two MCMC classes.

**YOU NEED TO BE FULLY ENGAGED THIS YEAR.**

**Some students get "senioritis" but you have to dig deep and continue to do your best!**

### 12TH GRADE COURSES

- ACT Prep (all students)
- Math Lab (some students)
- This year for Focus you will be checking in with your Focus teacher on a very individualized basis. Some students may check in monthly while others check in weekly.

## Welcome to year four!

## 13th Grade: YEAR FIVE

# Welcome back to year five, your fifth and final year. Congratulations!



This year your main MCMC focus will be the completion of a "Capstone" project.

This project will vary per individual, but the main idea is to have the opportunity to complete field work in your chosen area of study. **THIS IS TRULY A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!** Very few "high school" students are given the chance to preview their possible career pathway while still in high school. We share a lot of this information with our students as they are nearing the middle of their fourth (12th Grade) year in preparation for possible career goals.

At this point, you are likely taking three or four, maybe even five, college classes each semester. Remember, there is a TON OF SUPPORT for you to be successful, so please seek it out!

This is a busy year with preparing to graduate and planning for your next step. There will be a lot of work as it relates to college admissions, financial aid, etc.

At this point in your life, you have become a self-directed young adult. **Congratulations, be proud of yourself!**

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