



# Starfish is Here!

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# What is Starfish?

Starfish is a resource that will enhance the student experience through a transparent, simplified technical interface that connects the MJC community. By creating a comprehensive and holistic support network around students, Starfish provides faculty and staff one centralized platform to communicate and connect students to appropriate services and interventions.

# How will Starfish benefit students?

Students will be able to:

- Communicate simultaneously with instructors, counselors, specialists, and staff.
- Schedule appointments online with instructors and staff
- Receive messages and kudos from instructors
- Build their own Degree Plans and request approval from a counselor
- Access Degree Plans at any time from their computers and phones!

A promotional graphic for Starfish Week. The top half shows a desk with a laptop, a coffee cup, a notebook, and a pen. Below this, the text 'Starfish Week' is written in large white letters on a blue background. Underneath, 'Workshops • Food • Giveaways' is written in white on a purple background. The dates 'September 3rd-5th' are displayed in white on a blue background. Below the dates, the text 'Pirate Success powered by Starfish' is written in white. A QR code is located on the right side, with the text 'SCAN ME TO REGISTER' above it. At the bottom, the Modesto Junior College logo and the Starfish logo are shown, along with the contact information 'For more information call 209-575-6789'.



# How will Starfish benefit you?

## Faculty will be able to:

- Raise flags of concern for multiple students at once as needed (low grades, attendance, missing assignments, etc)
- Address needs in a more timely manner
  - No longer have to wait for a paper form
- Communicate with students to offer feedback and provide kudos for a job well done
- Communicate with Student Services
- Refer students to services on campus

## Staff will be able to:

- Respond to concerns raised by instructors throughout the semester
  - Follow up with instructors by “closing the loop”
- Communicate with other departments on flagged concerns
- Communicate with students on flagged concerns

**\*\*\*Flags do not need to be raised for all students, ONLY students faculty are concerned about.\*\*\***

# Do you have to run your class any differently with Starfish?

- No, Starfish is a tool that creates a communication hub that between you, your students, and their Success Network.

# How can you let your students know about Starfish?

- Sample syllabus insert

Starfish is an online notification system used by faculty and student support services to communicate with you regarding your academic progress and achievements.

The goal of Starfish is to assist you in overcoming challenges you may face on your path to college success. The system allows faculty to be proactive, supportive, and involved in helping to address these as they arise.

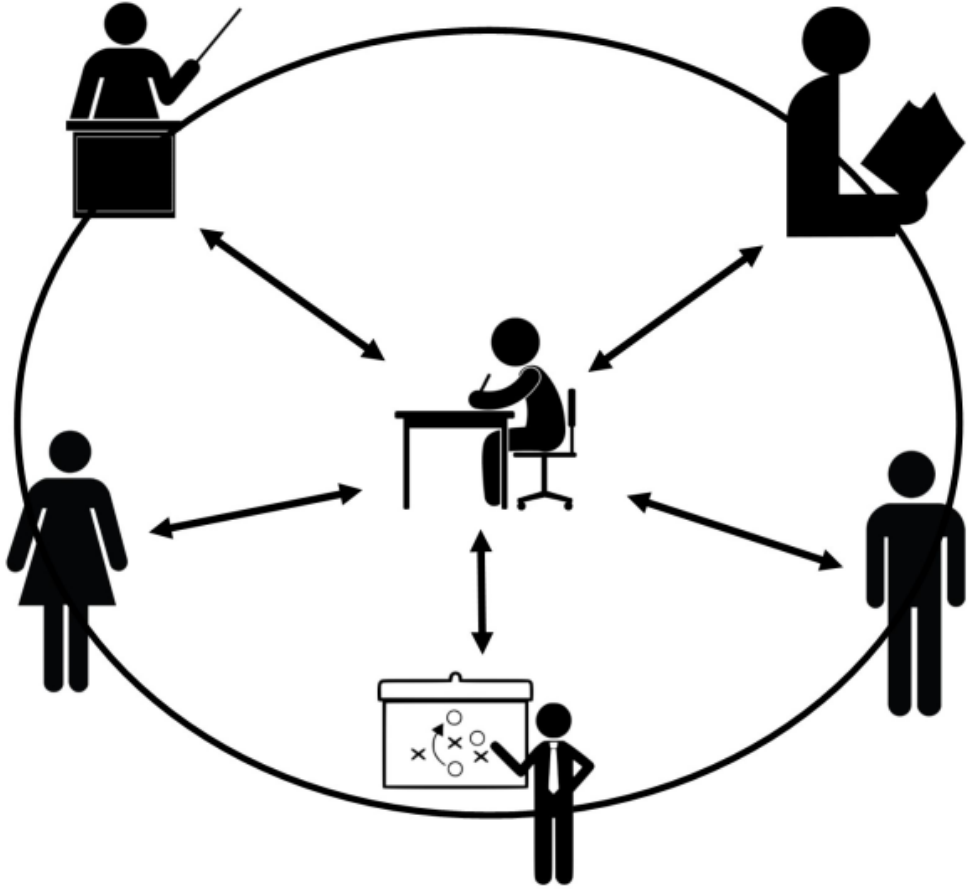
Starfish can be used to:

- Send you a progress report (Early Alert).
- Direct you to free resources such as subject tutoring or counseling services.
- Schedule a meeting with your instructor or student success specialist.
- Award kudos to acknowledge excellent performance.

You are encouraged to take advantage of the many services offered at MJC that promote your academic success. Starfish referrals are designed to assist you achieve your academic goals.

Please check your MJC email frequently and follow through with any actions requested through a Starfish email.

# What is a Success Network?



# Starfish and other programs and processes

## Impacting

- Student First Alert Paper Forms
- Potentially paper grade checks

## Not Impacting

- Canvas
- BIT – Behavioral Intervention Team
- Student Conduct
- Title IX



# Do you have to use Starfish?

- This tool is available for faculty to use but is not a requirement
- Tool of the future to better support our students
- Incorporated more and more
- Similar program, Naviance, used at some of our local high schools

# Where can you learn more about Starfish?

- Starfish Bar
- One-on-one trainings
  - Request:
- Division wide trainings
- Faculty information webpage on [mjc.edu](http://mjc.edu)



## Starfish Bar

Discover • Explore • Collaborate

10:00 AM - Founders Hall 111  
4:00 PM - CAT 113  
Thursdays

Come learn about our new  
Student Success tool  
All faculty and staff are welcome

Please email at least 2 days in advance to ensure you are able to login to Starfish

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# How do you access Starfish?



Student Email



PiratesNet



Starfish



Class Search



Directory



Bookstore



Library



Canvas





# Questions?