



GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

December 2017/January 2018

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From the Director's Chair

The Guidance Office has been very busy over the past few months. Many students have been in the office to talk to their counselors about scholarships, post-secondary plans, academic progress, and our college and career program: *Naviance*.

Seniors interested in exploring a potential career path may do so by participating in our Career Internship Program. Program Advisor, Ms. Kalemba, will work with interested students in job placement. After school options are available for course credit.

As a reminder to students in grades 9-12, please be sure to work on satisfying your required community service hours. Each student must complete 10 hours each year in order to graduate.

Registration is in progress for Spring semester SCCC classes held at HHS. See our website and www.sussex.edu for information.

Students interested in taking AP exams in May will be asked to register beginning in January. Tests are \$94 each.

We are pleased to announce our new Guidance department Twitter account - please follow us @ChiefsGuidance.

As always, counselors are here to help students and parents/guardians with anything they might need. Please call us anytime! We pride ourselves on individual counseling and the open lines of communication we have with students, staff and parents/guardians.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Jaime Walker



College Planning Calendar

January - March

- * Complete college applications and request transcripts be sent by December 15, so they can be sent out before the winter break.
- * Schedule interviews (if applicable) before the new year.
- * Take SAT Subject Tests if they are required by any of the colleges to which you are applying if you haven't already. The next test date is March 10, 2018.
- * Review scholarships available in *Naviance*.
- * If you have not already done so, submit Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov as soon as possible. **The portal to apply opened on October 1, 2017.**
- * Check the status of your admission and financial aid applications as needed through each college's website.



*"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."
- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*

Instant Decision Days

Sussex County Community College (SCCC) and County College of Morris (CCM) conducted their instant decision days at HHS on December 6th and December 7th, respectively. Students interested in attending one of these colleges are encouraged to submit their application(s) and advise their school counselor. Any senior who missed these dates, but would still like to apply should make an appointment to see his/her school counselor for directions. There is no application fee to apply to SCCC; the application fee for CCM is \$30. Students eligible for free/reduced lunch are eligible for an application fee waiver.

Scheduling

Scheduling for next school year will run during the months of January and February. Counselors will meet with juniors, sophomores and freshmen. Course selection sheets will be sent home for parents to view and sign. Please discuss the chosen courses with your child before you sign and return the form, as this will be your child's schedule for next year.

ASVAB/Military Update

Any student interested in the military, or who is unsure about a career path, can register for the ASVAB. This test is being offered at HHS on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program can help you take steps now toward finding a career that's right for you. The program is designed to help you learn more about yourself, and to help you explore occupations in line with your career interests and skills. If you are interested, please sign up in the guidance office to register for the ASVAB. ***It's free!*** Some seniors have been automatically enrolled for this test as a result of receiving partially proficient scores on the spring 2017 PARCC assessments. These students have been notified.

We will be holding a Military Open House in the HHS library from 10am - 1pm on Tuesday, December 12. Representatives from the Air Force, Army, Marines, National Guard and Navy will be available to meet with students during their lunch periods. Please sign up in the guidance office.

PSAT/SAT

PSAT scores will be distributed in **January** for the students who took the PSAT in October. Counselors will help students assess particular strengths and weaknesses, and offer suggestions to help them improve their scores. Juniors should then **strongly** consider taking the SAT's on one of the following dates:

March 10, 2018

May 5, 2018

June 2, 2018* Offered at HHS!

Register at www.collegeboard.com



2018 Winter Kaplan SAT Prep Course

There are 25 seats available – to be filled on a first come, first serve basis (with completed application and deposit). **This will be the only session offered during the 2017-2018 school year.** The sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on Tuesday, February 6 and ending on Tuesday, March 6.

The Kaplan SAT Preparation Program is fully funded by the Hopatcong Board of Education; however, you are responsible for submitting a deposit check in the amount of \$100 in order for your program application to be considered complete. You must attend 80% of all sessions in order to receive your deposit check back at the end of the program.

Program applications are available in the HHS Guidance Office.

Scholarship Bulletin

The Scholarship Bulletin is a running list of national, state and county scholarships that are available on *Naviance*. Go to "Scholarships" in Family Connection, <http://connection.naviance.com/hopatcong>.

Seniors are encouraged to apply for all applicable scholarships. Applications for scholarships can be obtained through *Naviance*. Please see the description of each scholarship for directions on how to apply. Please contact your school counselor with any questions.

In addition, information about local scholarships will be available in March to all seniors. For more information, check www.hopatcongschools.org.

Math and Writing Labs

HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATH HOMEWORK?



Obtain a pass from the guidance office and stop by the following locations during your lunch period for extra help:

Monday & Tuesday - period 6
Wednesday - Friday - period 4
Mrs. Ellicott - C-21

Be sure to bring your math textbook, notebook, pencil, and calculator (if applicable).

Having trouble with writing assignments?



Obtain a pass from the guidance office and stop by one of the following locations during your lunch period for extra help:

Monday - Wednesday Period 4:
Mrs. Sandra DeRose
Room B-16A

Monday - Friday Period 5:
Mr. Jason Mulvihill
Room C-10

Monday - Friday Period 6
Mrs. Lisa Kenny
Room B-16B

Thursday-Friday Period 7
Mrs. Sandra DeRose
Room B-16A

Be sure to bring any assignments that you need assistance with as well as your Chromebook and/or notebook.

(If applicable)

Counselor Contact Information & Student Assignments

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Counselors

	Class of 2018 Grade 12	Class of 2019 Grade 11	Class of 2020 Grade 10	Class of 2021 Grade 9
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*“Stay positive, work hard, make it happen.”
- Anonymous*