



SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

December 2018

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From the Director's Chair

The School Counseling 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, the community service requirement has been eliminated effective immediately for all grade levels. Students completing 40 hours of service before June 1, 2019, may still earn 2.5 credits. Additionally, the number of credits required for graduation has been reduced to 120 credits (from 122.5). *Credits awarded for community service hours are not included in the 120 credit requirement, however.*

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 immediately, 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 9, 2019.
- * 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, 2018.**
- * Check the status of your admission and financial aid applications as needed through each college's website.



*"It always seems impossible until it's done."
- Nelson Mandela*

Instant Decision Days

Sussex County Community College (SCCC) and County College of Morris (CCM) conducted their instant decision days at HHS on December 4th and December 5th, 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 meetings for the next school year will be held early in 2019. 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 Thursday, January 10, 2019. 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 2018 PARCC assessments. These students have been notified.

We held a Military Open House in the HHS library on Tuesday, December 11. Representatives from the Air Force, Army, Marines, National Guard, Navy and New Jersey State Police were available to meet with students during their lunch periods. If you missed this event, inquire about recruiter appointments in the Guidance Office.

PSAT/SAT

PSAT scores will be distributed in **December** for the students who took the test 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 9, 2019

May 4, 2019

June 1, 2019* Offered at HHS!

Register at www.collegeboard.com



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.

School Counseling Department Contact Information & Student Assignments

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	Class of 2019 Grade 12	Class of 2020 Grade 11	Class of 2021 Grade 10	Class of 2022 Grade 9
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- ROY T. BENNETT***