

THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

FOR JUNIORS AND PARENTS

Happy New Year! Welcome to the first installment of our monthly newsletter for 2020. We begin the New Year with the conclusion of first semester. Each month, we will be updating events and happenings that students and parents should be aware of what is taking place.

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This month's edition includes:

- Counseling Office Updates
- Advisory Updates
- Flex Block Options
- Testing Updates



COUNSELING OFFICE UPDATES:

Best of luck on finals! Nothing is more imperative for your future success than performing well during your junior year! Finish Strong! Finals week is January 13-16.

Now that the New Year is here, the college process will begin to accelerate at a rapid pace. Thank you to everyone who attended our *December 11th Junior Parent Program*. We heard that the topics were great and the presenters did a wonderful job, however, there was not enough time for questions and answers. We will make sure that for the future, more time will be allotted. In addition, next fall, a senior parent program will be offered in September where time will definitely be given for your questions.

In the upcoming months, counselors will meet with Juniors in small groups to begin the discussion of planning for the future. Students attending these meetings will be updated on the topics of junior timeline, testing, building a smart list, and summer opportunities. Following registration in February, counselors will start meeting with their juniors individually in the Spring.

Schedule Changes: Presently many students are coming in to see if they can change their 2nd semester schedule. Please keep the following in mind:

Counselors will only make a schedule change for the following reasons:

- Missing a graduate requirement
- Failed a full year class first semester
- To add a Student Prep or Teacher Assistant
- Level change
- Filling an open period

Any of the above if space is available

We will not make a change for the following reasons:

- Teacher change
- Re-arrange schedule for *any* reasons (Ex. friends, lunch, extra-curricular activities, work, student prep)
- Swapping one elective for another

ADVISORY UPDATES

December 5, juniors were requested to go to their Naviance account and do the “[Supermatch](#)”. At the conclusion of the lesson, students were able to create a “College’s I’m Thinking About” list.

December 19, students were required to watch the video, [Building a Smart College List](#). Students were then given tools to start strategizing a list of schools.

FLEX BLOCK UPDATE

HTC: A Gateway to College

February 6, 2020 in the College and Career Center

Hennepin Technical College allows high school students to enroll in college courses at their local high school to earn credits for high school and college at the same time. Come listen to Tod Hoaby, HTC Liaison Counselor answer all of your questions.

PSEO: Thinking about College during High School

February 13 in the Community Room

Andrew Kopelman, U of M PSEO Office and Antoinette Harris from Normandale CC will answer all your questions about PSEO. In addition, they will help in the application process if necessary.

Registration: What Courses Should I be taking my Senior Year?

February 13 and 20th in the Media Center

Counselors will answer questions students have in regards to their senior class schedule.

Genesys Works: Where Tomorrow’s Workforce Begins

February 13 in the College and Career Center

Fritz Rock, Recruitment Specialist for Genesys Works will talk about Genesys Works, which provides career success for high school students in underserved communities through skills training, meaningful work experience and impactful relationships.

TESTING UPDATE:

SAT AND ACT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING

Now is the time to register.

- ACT registration deadline for the February test was January 10. This test will be held at Edina High School. If you missed the deadline, you can register late. There is an additional fee for late registration and you may not receive your preferred testing site. The last three ACT test dates for the school year are April 4, June 13 and July 18.
- SAT test dates are March 14, May 2, and June 6. Deadline for the March SAT is February 14. Edina will NOT be a site for the March test. For registration information go to www.collegeboard.org

STATEWIDE ACT ON APRIL 7TH

- On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, the statewide ACT Assessment (without writing) will be administered at EHS to 11th grade students during the school day. Online registration and payment are required to take the test. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOT OFFERING THE WRITING PORTION OF THE ACT ASSESSMENT.
- The deadline to register for the statewide ACT Test administered at EHS is Friday, January 31, 2020.
- The Counseling Department is encouraging all students to take advantage of this locally administered testing opportunity. Many students will use this to obtain their first college readiness test score or improve on their existing scores. Please note that this is the statewide ACT test offered during the school day.
- To register for the exam, please click on the following link: [ACT Registration Link](#)
- The cost of the exam is \$46 and will be added to your student's Infinite Campus account on Monday, February 3, 2020. To pay the fee, please log in your Infinite Campus account. Click this link for a tutorial on how to pay the fee in Infinite Campus. The deadline to register for the ACT is Friday, January 31, 2020.
- Students in need of financial support for the testing fee should fill out the ACT Fee Waiver Form and turn it in to Assistant Principal Jenn Carter in the Main Office.
- Students do not register directly with ACT for this assessment; all registration will be handled by EHS staff. Students need to sign up using the link provided above.
- Testing accommodations will be submitted by EHS staff for students who qualify to test with approved accommodations.
- Students who take the ACT will be able to share their ACT scores with up to four colleges or universities as included in the exam fee. Additional colleges and universities can receive the scores for an additional charge.
- If you have any questions regarding the ACT administration, please feel free to contact Jenn Carter.

As this New Year begins, find inspiration around you, and motivation within you, to be all that you can be!



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