

THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

FOR JUNIORS AND PARENTS

Things are in full swing during the month of October in the Counseling Office. Each month, the Counseling Department will be updating events and happenings that students and parents should be aware of what is taking place.

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Testing:

PSAT: On Wednesday, October 16th, 276 juniors are registered for the PSAT test during the morning. (REGISTRATION IS CLOSED/NO ADDITIONAL STUDENTS CAN REGISTER) Students will receive their 2019 PSAT/NMSQT scores the second week of December, via an email from College Board. A hard copy of their results will be sent to the high school as well.

New Resources for ACT/SAT Test Prep and Homework Help: Edina High School students have access to [Learning Express Library](#), an online resource with a whole host of test prep materials, including the Accuplacer, ACT and SAT. There are sample tests students can take and receive feedback on their answers. It also has review materials for core high school subjects (including math, English, social studies and science) as well as prep materials for a handful of AP tests.

- ✓ There's a [direction sheet](#) on how to access the program as well as a link to [Learning Express Library](#) on the [school media center web site](#).
- ✓ If students have questions or would like help, please ask them to stop by the EHS Media Center.

College Search:

Attend College visits in the College and Career Center - As a junior, this can help you start to build your college list, allow you to ask questions, and show the college you have “demonstrated interest”. Over 150+ colleges have been to Edina High School already, however, another 100 will be coming in the upcoming month. Students are encouraged to stop in the College Career Center and listen and learn about these schools. It is the student’s responsibility to get a pass from their teacher to attend these visits. More information: [click here](#).



COLLEGE FAIR/EDINA: On Wednesday, October 10, Edina College and Career Center hosted 12 Jesuit Colleges from across the country. Students took advantage of meeting college representatives from each school. Hopefully this will become an annual event as the schools look forward to meeting such eager students from EHS.

Get back on to your Naviance account - This is the counseling department's one-stop shop for all information for students in regards to the college planning process. For example, if students place a name of a college they are interested in – Click on “Colleges” and “Colleges I Am Thinking About”; students will receive an e-mail reminder when that school visits Edina High School. Students log in through the Edina Portal. More information: [click here](#) for Naviance.

Start your post-high school planning in earnest - *A good first step is to make sure you are following the Counseling curriculum through your advisory.* On Thursday, October 24, juniors will meet with their counselors during advisory. The discussion will be on setting up a game plan for the next two years. Attached is a copy of the power point that will be presented to the students.

[Game Plan Presentation](#)

- ✓ Students will be **required** to go into their Naviance account (through their portal) and complete The Game Plan in their assigned tasks before the next meeting in November.

MEA break and visiting colleges - These visits can be local to get you thinking about what you want in a school. It's easy to schedule a visit online at any school's admissions page or you can call their admissions office. Colleges in Minnesota and Wisconsin tend to fill up early, so book now!

ACADEMIC SUCCESS: Lastly, but most importantly, all students should be focusing on performing at a high level in every class. Grades in classes are looked at very closely by colleges, especially during the junior year.

FLEX BLOCK: Check out the weekly opportunities Juniors have to find out more information from the Counseling Department during Flex Block. Each month we will be offering different sessions throughout the year.

- ✓ **September 19 The Selective College Admissions Process:** Patty Mooney, Senior Admissions officer from Mt. Holyoke discussed the process for applying to selective colleges including essays, letters of recommendations, activity lists and completing the applications.
- ✓ **October 3 Finding out about Gap Year and International Travel:** Terry Stevens, Coordinator of the Rotary Club Exchange Program informed students of the opportunities to study abroad and Gap Year Opportunities.
- ✓ **October 10th Tips for College Interviewing;** Ms. Fei Wong McKhann, an alumna who has conducted interviews for Stanford University was here to talk to students about how to turn the interview into a way to make a lasting impression. What are some commonly asked questions? How do you prepare for an interview? These questions and more will be discussed.



Mr. Johnson (Ed-Hau) working hard! Actually, at a college visit to the University of Kentucky! Go Wildcats!!!

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