

Counseling Office

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The following college representatives will be visiting the Counseling Center:

- October 13—Wells College
- October 14—SUNY Canton
- October 17—Sage Colleges
- October 20—SUNY Potsdam
- October 24—St. Lawrence University
- November 1—Johnson & Wales
- November 2—Mildred Elley
- November 8—HVCC Instant Admit Day

If you are interested in speaking with a representative, please sign up in the Counseling Office. This is open to all 11th and 12th grade students.

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Greetings!

In case you are new to the district or new to the building, Mrs. Nash is the Counseling Center Secretary, while Ms. Lazarony is the School Counselor for Grades 6-9 and Mrs. Harrison for Grades 10-12. The beginning of a school year is an excellent opportunity to initiate contact with your child's school counselor and in doing so you will ensure a positive school experience for your child.

School counselors make a measurable impact in every student's life, assisting with academic, career and personal/social development. Professional school counselors are trained in both educating and counseling, allowing them to function as a facilitator between parents, teachers, and the student in matters concerning the student's goals, abilities, and any areas needing improvement. School counselors provide services not only to students in need, but to all students.

High School

Senior meetings are well underway and will be complete by the second week in October. This is a time when Mrs. Harrison meets with all 12th grade students to review their credits and diploma status one final time and review student's plans for after graduation. Please refer to our counseling center webpage which contains helpful links for testing, scholarship info, financial aid, and college applications. At this point in the year students should be focusing on finishing their college applications by Thanksgiving Break (November 22nd). If you need letters of recommendations, allow for a two week turn around from the person you are requesting the letter of recommendation from.

Financial Aid Information Night will be held for 12th graders and their parents on Wednesday, October 12th at 6:30 in the Distance Learning Room (Room 135). Come hear about the financial aid process, completing the FAFSA, and have your questions answered by Lauren Tinger, Financial Aid Representative from the Sage Colleges.

PSAT Exam—The Preliminary SAT's/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test are being given to all interested students, grades 10 and 11 on October 19th. Students taking the exam will be excused from their classes periods 1-4 on that day. The cost to take the exam is \$15.00. Payment is due to the Counseling Office by October 14th. (cash or check made payable to BCSD)

HVCC Instant Admission Day—An admissions counselor will be here on November 8th. All interested Seniors may sign up to meet with the counselor. Instructions to apply on-line may be found in the Counseling Office and should be completed **no later than** November 4th.

Middle School

Lunch Bunch with 6th graders has begun. Over the course of the school year all 6th grade students will be invited to the Counseling Office to have lunch with Ms. Lazarony. They can bring 2 friends if they choose to do so. This is a chance to meet each 6th grader and for the students to meet their School Counselor. It is not a counseling session of any sort. We eat lunch and play games, i.e. Hangman, Connect 4, Jenga, etc. Of course, this is optional and students are not required to join in, however, it's fun and they won't want to miss out! Please check with your child's teachers to find out where you can access grades and homework assignments. As always, if there are questions or concerns please call our office.

Important Dates

October 12	Financial Aid Night for 12th grade parents and students—6:30 pm
October 19	PSAT Exam for 10th & 11th grade students (\$15 due to the Counseling Office by October 14th)
November 8	Instant Admission Day for HVCC—An admissions counselor from HVCC will be here for students interested in attending HVCC in the fall. On-line application due Nov. 4th
November 3	Registration deadline for December 3rd SAT Exam
November 4	AP Contract and first payment due
November 4	ACT Exam (registration deadline Nov. 4 for Dec. 10th exam)
November 22	Goal date for all seniors to have college applications completed
December 2	2nd payment due for AP Exam
December 21	SAT Registration Deadline for January 21st Exam

