

COUNSELING OFFICE

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Greetings!

MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELING

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The 8th grade class will be visiting the University of Albany and St. Rose for a campus tour on March 21, 2017. They have now had the opportunity to visit 4 local colleges, Southern Vermont College in Bennington, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) in North Adams, UAlbany and St. Rose.

I have been meeting with 8th grade students about 9th grade courses. I discussed the requirements necessary to obtain a high school diploma, their interests and goals. Each student was given a copy of their Course Selection Sheet. Please ask to see it, then sign it and have your child return it to the Counseling Office. This year we are requiring a signed Course Selection Sheet from each student. This will ensure that you have seen and approve of the selected courses your child has made. Please feel free to make contact if you have questions or would like to meet.

We are making plans for next year's schedule. If your child is currently enrolled in band and/or chorus for 6th and 7th grade they will automatically be rolled into these classes next year. If there is a change, please let me know. If your child is currently not participating in these classes but would like to, please let me know. In doing this it will help alleviate schedule changes in September.

As always if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING

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The year is going quickly, and we are already halfway through the 3rd marking period, which means that teachers are beginning some review for final exams in June, and the Counseling Office is already planning for the next school year. Over the next few months Mrs. Harrison will be meeting with 10th and 11th graders to review their 4-Year plans, discuss courses for next year, as well as plan for the transition following graduation.

Course Requests

Students have completed their course requests for the 2017-18 school year in their English classes, led by their school counselor (Mrs. Harrison or Ms. Lazarony). These forms are to be reviewed by a parent or guardian, signed and returned to the Counseling Office ASAP!

CTE Programs for 2017-18

On February 8th, our 10th grade students who had shown an interest in a Questar CTE Program for the 2017-18 school year had the opportunity to visit the Rensselaer Education Center and spend some time touring the programs and shadowing the area they are most interested in. Mrs. Harrison checked in with students following the visit to get feedback on their level of interest and hand out Student Intake Forms. Any students wishing to commit to a CTE program for the 2017-18 school year must return their completed intake forms to the Counseling Office no later than March 20th.

Scholarships

Students, especially seniors intending to go to college, should be stopping in the Counseling Office to check the Scholarship Binder for any opportunities. All scholarships are also posted on the Counseling Center webpage listed under Scholarship Opportunities. College bound seniors — remember to complete your FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Junior Parent Information Night

Mrs. Harrison held the annual Junior Parent Information Night on February 15th for parents of the Class of 2018. During this presentation, parents learned about the timeline leading up to high school graduation, such as the college application process, financial aid, credits needed to graduate, scholarships, etc. If you were unable to attend and have questions, please contact Mrs. Harrison.

HVCC College in the High School Program: This semester 32 students who are enrolled in the HVCC College in the High School Program have been very fortunate to receive college credit tuition free. This was made possible through the generosity of The Courtney Carelli and Ryan Gardner Memorial Scholarship, the HVCC Broughton Foundation and through the HVCC Scholarship.

Attention: Juniors

The ASVAB Exam was administered to all 11th grade students on Tuesday, March 7th, Periods 1 - 4. The ASVAB combines an interest inventory and Career Exploration Tool. The program encourages students to explore a wide variety of careers. Students will be meeting in small groups on March 30— April 1 to review their scores. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Harrison, School Counselor.

Attention Sophomores and Juniors

CASDA 2017 Spring College Fair
Wednesday, May 3 @ Hudson Valley Community College, McDonough Recreation Center
9:00—11:30 am
6:00 pm—8:00 pm
Free Admission

The College Fair is an opportunity to speak with representatives from over 180 trade schools, colleges and universities. There will be public and private, four-year and two-year, large and small, liberal arts and vocational colleges represented as well as the military. Also represented will be a number of institutions presenting financial options.

Important Dates:

March 14 & 20 Site visit for 11th grade students interested in the Questar CNA Program

March 21 8th grade visits UAlbany and St. Rose

March 23 Final Make-up visit for the Questar CTE Programs
All CTE Student Intake Forms are due to the Counseling Center by March 20th.

March 28-30 ELA NYS Assessments Grades 3-8

April 2 College Fair at Monument Mountain Regional HS, Great Barrington, MA

April 7 Registration deadline Apr. 7 for SAT Exam on May 6

May 1 AP Exams: Chemistry 8:00 AM and Environmental Science - 8:00 AM
Psychology 12 PM

May 2-4 Math NYS Assessments Grades 3-8

May 3 CASDA Spring College Fair @ HVCC McDonough Recreational Center, 9AM-11:30 and 6-8:00 PM
This is an opportunity for both students and parents to meet with over 180 college representatives.

May 9 Registration deadline May 9 for June 3 SAT Exam

May 5 AP Exam: US History 8:00 AM

May 5 Registration deadline May 5 for June 10 ACT Exam

June 12 High School Awards Ceremony

June 13-22 Regents Exams

June 23 Graduation

Check the Counseling Center webpage for the latest in news.