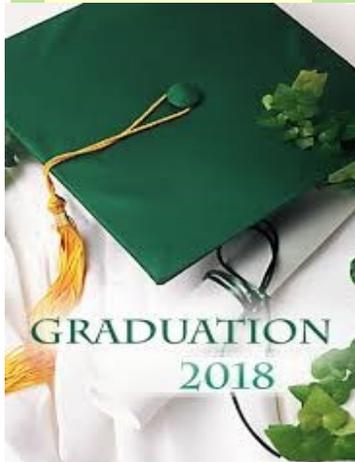


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Greetings!

MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELING

Anne Lazarony - School Counselor

On March 20, 2018 the 8th grade class had the opportunity to visit Hudson Valley Community College and the College of St. Rose. Coming up on April 23rd there will be an 8th grade field trip to The Escape Room in the Crossgates Mall. Permission slips are due.

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

Rachel Harrison - School Counselor

The year is going quickly, and we have completed 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. I have met with 11th graders and over the next few weeks I will be meeting with 10th graders in small groups. These meetings offer students an opportunity to review their 4-year plans, discuss courses for next year, as well as set goals and plan for the transition following graduation.

CTE Programs for 2018-19

In February our 10th grade students, who had shown an interest in a Questar CTE Program for the 2018-19 school year, had the opportunity to visit the Rensselaer Education Center. During their visit they were able to spend time shadowing the area they are most interested in. I checked in with students following the visit to get feedback on their level of interest and, if they were interested, I encouraged them to submit an application.

Acceptance letters will be mailed out before the end of April.

Scholarships

Students, especially seniors intending to go to college, should be stopping in the Counseling Office to check on scholarship 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

I hosted an annual Junior Parent Information Night on February 13th for parents of the Class of 2019. 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 me at rharrison@berlincentral.org

HVCC College in the High School Program: This semester 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.

Girls and Boys State Representatives

Melanie DeLaurentis and Adison Colin, Class of 2019, have been selected to represent Berlin High School at The 2018 Empire Girls State and Boys State, respectively. Students are chosen by the local American Legion Auxiliary Units that work with their respective high schools through an interview process. Consideration was given to students who demonstrated scholastic achievements, leadership, character, honesty and physical fitness. Both students will experience a hands-on, week long educational workshop, focusing on Americanism and the political process at The College of Brockport in Brockport, NY (Girls State) and Morrisville State College in Morrisville, NY (Boys State). Congratulations to both Melanie and Adison!

Attention: Juniors

The ASVAB Exam was administered to all 11th grade students on Tuesday, March 6th, Periods 1- 4. The ASVAB combines an interest inventory and Career Exploration Tool. The program encourages students to explore a wide variety of careers. Over the next few weeks, students will meet in small groups to review their scores. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Harrison, School Counselor.

Attention Sophomores and Juniors

CASDA 2018 Spring College Fair

Wednesday, May 2 @ Hudson Valley Community College, McDonough Recreation Center- Free Admission

9:00 - 11:30 am

6:00 - 8:00 pm

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:

- April 25 A representative from Oneonta College will be here at 10:00 to share information.
- May 2 CASDA Spring College Fair @ HVCC McDonough Recreational Center, 9AM-11:30 and 6-8:00 PM
This is an opportunity for sophomores, juniors and their parents to meet with over 180 college representatives.
- May 3 Registration deadline May 3 for June 2 SAT Exam
- May 4 Registration deadline May 4 for June 9 ACT Exam
- May 7 AP Exams: Chemistry 8:00 AM and Psychology 12 PM
- May 11 AP Exam: US History 8:00 AM
AP Studio Art Portfolio Submission
- June 5 Global History Regents—Morning
- June 11 High School Awards Ceremony, 12:30 pm
- June 12-20 Regents Exams (please have your child check with his/her teacher to see if they are required to take a regents exam.)

	Tuesday, June 12	Wed., June 13	Thursday, June 14	Tuesday, June 19	Wed., June 20
MORNING	English Language Arts	US History & Gov't	Earth Science	Geometry	Chemistry
AFTERNOON	Algebra I	Living Environment	Algebra II	Physics	

- June 22 Graduation 7 PM

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