FHS COUNSELING UPDATES

Summer Newsletter Enclosed is a summer newsletter from the FHS Counseling Department containing pertinent information. It is important to note that some of this information may change if the mandates occur, the start of the school year or method of schooling are altered due to COVID 19. We will do our best to keep you updated if any changes occur and felt it was important that you have certain dates and information for planning purposes. We appreciate your flexibility and ask you to bear with us if anything does change. As you read through this newsletter, please note and share any questions that may arise as we are happy to help!

Class of 2021: Next year’s seniors can begin applying to UW schools on August 1st. This is one month earlier then it has been in the past. Although we do not want you sending in a rushed application, if you feel prepared and want to move forward with applying, it may be nice to get this off of your “to-do” list. Private colleges typically have a rolling application and you will want to check specifically with your school of interest to determine specific dates for application.

UW System application date opens: August 1, 2020

https://apply.wisconsin.edu/
https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/

When you apply, you will be asked to send your ACT scores and a high school transcript. Below are the websites to do so.
Transcript www.parchment.com

Next Year’s Seniors Who Would Like to retake the ACT: ACT is adding new test dates for the fall for any students interested in taking the ACT. See link below for more information.

University and Technical College Application Meetings: Application meetings will be conducted during Irish hours in early September for anyone who would like assistance with the college application process.

Campus Visits: Next year’s college bound should be taking virtual campus tours of potential colleges this summer! This helps immensely with the decision making process. College websites contain the information needed to set up a visit and it is typically listed under their admission’s link.
Wisconsin Private College Week:
Monday, July 27th through Saturday, August 1st, students and families are invited to tour any of Wisconsin’s private colleges and universities. During this “open house” week learn more about Wisconsin’s 20 private colleges and universities by talking to admissions representatives and financial aid counselors, ask questions, and enjoy guided tours.

https://www.wisconsinsprivatecolleges.org/visit/register-private-college-week-visit

Wisconsin Education Fairs:
Wisconsin Education Fairs (WEF’s) are a great way to attain information about numerous colleges. Wisconsin Education Fairs are virtual this year and will open up on August 1st. Please see link below for details.

https://www.wefs.org/

Financial Aid (Completing the FAFSA):
FAFSA (Freed Application for Federal Student Aid) applications for the college year of 2021-2022 begin processing on October 1st, 2020. Next year’s seniors (class of 2020) can apply for grants and loans (all based on tax information) at the link below:

https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa

College Goal Wisconsin:
College Goal Wisconsin is affiliated with a national event that provides free information and assistance to families who need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) the federally required form for students seeking financial aid, such as grants and loans. Completing the FAFSA is the first and most important step in qualifying for aid.

See link below for dates and locations:
https://collegegoalwi.org/

AP Scores:
Any students who took an AP test should be able to access their scores on July 15th. Please refer to the website below for information and be sure you are following the steps to receive your scores:

https://apscore.collegeboard.org/scores/

AP Test Ordering:
For the second consecutive year, all students planning on taking an AP test will have to commit to taking the test in October. We will guide you through the steps as it will entail our AP students to register some information on-line.

CAPP (Cooperative Academic Partnership Program) Courses:
Apply to UW Oshkosh by July 31
All students who are planning on taking a CAPP Course @ FHS that is eligible for CAPP credit through UW-Oshkosh must complete the first step by applying to UW Oshkosh as a special student. If a student does not apply to UW Oshkosh by July 31st, they will not be eligible to take the course for CAPP credit.
CAPP Payment
The cost for a CAPP credit CAPP (Cooperative Academic Partnership Program) is $100 dollars per credit. (Cost per credit at UW Oshkosh is $317.55 for a Wisconsin resident.) In order to remain in this CAPP course and receive UW Oshkosh credit, please submit payment by October 1st to the High School Counseling Office. Checks can be made payable to FHS.
Costs per course are listed below:
- CAPP English 101 (College English 101) $300
- CAPP English 214 (American Literature 214) $300
- CAPP Accounting 206 (Essentials of Financial Accounting) $300
- CAPP Spanish 204 (Intermediate Structure and Expression II $500

Do CAPP Credits Transfer?
It is our student’s responsibility to confirm whether or not the credits from UW Oshkosh will be accepted at the college of their interest. To help determine whether or not you would like to take the course for credit from UW Oshkosh, please use the resources listed below:

Transfer Wizard  https://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer/wizards/
CAPP Website   https://uwosh.edu/capp/students/transferring-credits/

Class of 2022:
Next year’s juniors will have the opportunity during October-December to have a SPEC (Student Parent Educational Conference.) This is will also take a more in depth look at opportunities for our students after they graduate from FHS. The SPECs are conducted with the school counselor, parent(s) and student during the school day and will last 30-40 minutes. Parents will be able to sign up for these meeting electronically at the end of September. Mrs. Vander Loop and Mr. Harke will divide the meetings and cover similar talking points including:
- Student’s Strengths, Accomplishments, Co-Curricular Involvement, Volunteer and Work Experience
- High School Coursework/GPA/Class Rank
- Post Secondary Options
- Vocational/Educational Goals

SPECs serve as an excellent opportunity to gather individual information and resources for post-secondary planning.

ACT:
All of next year’s juniors (class of 2022) will take the ACT on March 9th. FHS will handle registration and proctoring of this exam. There is no cost to juniors and all juniors are required to take it. Many more details will be forthcoming as the date nears. However, some students opt to take the ACT prior to the state wide test date. If you decide to take the act early, you must go to www.actstudent.org to create an account and register and pay to take the test. The website will allow you to select where you will be testing.
PSAT/NMSQT:
Next year’s college bound juniors will have the opportunity to take the PSAT at FHS on Wednesday, October 14th. The test is approximately three hours long and contains the following components.

1. Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
   - Reading Test
   - Writing and Language Test
2. Math

The PSAT is a pre-cursor to the SAT. It is not an entrance exam. **However, students must take the PSAT to be considered for a competitive National Merit Scholarship.** Registration details will be provided in early September. Sophomores can take this test as well but the National Merit Scholarships will only consider scores from your junior year.

Cost for the test will be $17.00.

Schedules and FHS Registration:
We are working to have the 2020-2021 schedules available to students in Skyward by the beginning of August. Preliminary work is currently being done on the schedules we will notify you as soon as possible once schedules become available and we are confirmed of how courses will be set up. Due to parameters that may be in place, course changes will be minimal. Please do not contact our office regarding changes until we have informed you of the process that will need to take place to request a change.

FHS Registration:
All students will need to go through the on-line registration process. If you completed Online Registration, Walk-In Registration is not needed. However, all students in grades 6-12 should attend Walk-In Registration to get their picture taken and their school ID cards.

Registration Date:
August 11th 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Counseling Office Availability:
The counseling office has office hours that will vary this summer. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach via phone or email.

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