



COUNSELOR CONNECTION

Quarter 3 - SY: 2022-2023

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***The course selection process for next school year begins this quarter**

Please see below for specific grade level information

The Haverhill High School Adjustment Counselors are seeking to gather information regarding parents' concerns and knowledge for students' social/emotional wellbeing. This information will help inform our ability to distribute relevant resources in upcoming newsletters. Please help us by filling out this [3 minute survey](#).

Grade 9

- Students are strongly encouraged to review the course recommendations their teachers have made and input their own course requests in [SchoolBrains](#) by February 14th. Counselors will then meet with students individually between 2/15 and 2/28 to finalize all course selections.
 - Course selection [process](#) and [resources](#) - English
 - Course selection [process](#) and [resources](#) - Spanish
- SBIRT Screening will be administered starting on February 3, 2023. A letter was sent home with more information.
- [Here](#) is a link to the freshman packet that was delivered to all students during English classroom visits.

Grade 10

- Students are strongly encouraged to review the course recommendations their teachers have made and input their own course requests in [SchoolBrains](#) by February 28th. Counselors will then meet with students individually between 3/1 and 3/7 to finalize all course selections.
 - Course selection [process](#) and [resources](#) - English
 - Course selection [process](#) and [resources](#) - Spanish



- Students met with their counselors on 1/30 or 1/31 in small groups for a career exploration lesson. An assessment was taken and resources were explored utilizing Naviance.
- Reminder: students should have received information via email from the college board on how to access their PSAT scores along with detailed information on how to analyze their results. <https://www.collegeboard.org>

Grade 11

- Students are strongly encouraged to review the course recommendations their teachers have made and input their own course requests in [SchoolBrains](#) by March 7th. Counselors will then meet with students individually between 3/8 and 3/14 to finalize all course selections.
 - Course selection [process](#) and [resources](#) - English
 - Course selection [process](#) and [resources](#) - Spanish
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- January 23rd-27th school counselors went into grade 11 English classes to summarize the Junior Packet and help students access Naviance. During this time we answered questions students had in regard to the post-secondary process and students explored Naviance to complete their student brag sheet.
- The School Counseling Department will be hosting a junior parent night on February 16th in the high school auditorium from 6-7:30PM. This is an opportunity to learn more about the post-secondary planning process and how best to support your student. Please register [HERE](#). Feel free to reach out to your child's counselor with any additional questions.
- Individual junior meetings will begin in early February. Students will meet with their school counselors to discuss post high school goals/plans and discuss the necessary next steps.
- Juniors can begin visiting college campuses to explore different post high school opportunities. To tour a college please visit that college's specific website for more information.

Grade 12

- Follow up individual meetings will continue with grade 12 students to review and finalize post high school plans.
- Northern Essex Community College (NECC) will be visiting HHS on 2/7 and 2/13 to meet with students to review programming and assist in completing their application as well as answer financial aid questions. Students who complete the application will receive an acceptance decision.
 - Any interested students should contact their [counselor](#)



- Once students receive college admission decisions they should be updating their Naviance account and informing their counselor.

- Scholarships
 - Access to the HHS scholarship portal is open through March 23rd. [Portal information](#)
 - School Committee Scholarships are available [here](#).
 - Information on the Exchange Club Scholarships of Haverhill can be found [here](#).
 - Additional scholarships are updated regularly on Naviance - seniors are encouraged to review often and apply!

- Scholarship Workshops
 - Opportunity to work on scholarship applications with the support of school counselors
 - [Register Here](#) - update

- Financial Aid
 - Any student planning to attend college next year must complete the [FAFSA](#) (resources below)
 - Virtual Events:
 - **uAspire** is hosting virtual FAFSA walkthroughs for students and families. Walkthroughs will explore the entire FAFSA from start to finish, including each. Click [here](#) to register for either: 2/6 at 8pm or 3/9 at 5pm.
 - **MEFA** is hosting webinars, “Financial Aid 101” on 3/7 at 6:30pm and 5/8 at 6:30pm. Click [here](#) to register.
 - Text Help:
 - Text uAspire at 978-295-2684 with your FAFSA questions and an agent will respond within 24 hours M-F. Additional follow up support can occur via txt, zoom, or phone call.

- Early College
 - Attention Early College students
 - The Early College Promise Program is a supported first year transition program that maximizes college credit earning potential at no cost to the student. It is a one year extension of the Early College partnership between Haverhill High School and Northern Essex Community College expanding the opportunity for students to earn an associate degree or transferable credits to a four-year institution. Click [here](#) for more details.



All students - Reminder: you must have a pass when visiting the guidance office.
Please email your counselor or stop by the guidance office before or after school to schedule a meeting.

GO HILLIES!!