

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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SENIORS Your Senior's second semester can be a whirlwind! There are a ton of things that should be and will be going on. They may be choosing their college, filling out financial aid forms, looking for apprenticeships, applying for jobs, etc. Please feel free to use the guidance department to assist you in a lot of these things. We have the knowledge and tools to help your student in figuring out career choices, filling out applications, weighing the pros and cons of school choices, scholarships, apprenticeships, etc. We'd love to help you and your student to the best of our ability, just **give us a call or shoot us an email**.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS INFORMATION

NIGHT We are getting ready to enter our third year of College Credit Plus (CC+). Any student wanting to participate in college credit for the 2018-19 school year **MUST** attend a parent meeting with a parent or guardian on January 11th at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium at the Activity Center. Harrison High School currently offers many classes that have the option of students receiving college credit. If you are interested in this opportunity, you must come to the parent meeting on January 11th at 7:15pm in the Auditorium at the Activity Center. There will be a sign in sheet for parents/students to verify attendance! We will also have representatives from various colleges there to help answer your questions after the presentation. If you cannot attend, you must contact your student's counselor before the meeting and schedule a meeting with them during school hours.

AP PARENT NIGHT The Harrison High School Guidance Department will be hosting a parent night on January 11th at 6:00pm to discuss AP classes. This meeting is for any parents who have students interested in signing up for a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) class next year. We will have a variety of resources for parents to access and a panel of AP teachers to help answer any questions you may have. This meeting is highly recommended for any parent of a potential AP student. Do not forget that many of our AP courses have a College Credit Plus credit option!!!! This meeting will be held in the high school's media center, located right off the cafeteria. Please contact Steve Barnes at 513-728-8430 with any questions.

FINANCIAL AID Don't forget that students must fill out their FAFSA applications to be eligible for financial aid! Go to www.fafsa.gov to start your application. Please remember that most colleges will not award any type of aid (need based or merit based) until they have your completed FAFSA.

SCHOLARSHIPS Scholarships are a great way to assist in paying for college or other post secondary programs. You should never have to pay for a scholarship search! We recommend www.fastweb.com. It is a free scholarship search engine. Our career program NAVIANCE/FAMILY CONNECTIONS also has a scholarship search engine. The Naviance link can be found on the high school website under STUDENTS. In addition to the scholarship search engine on Naviance, any local or national scholarships that come through the Guidance office are also posted on NAVIANCE/FAMILY CONNECTIONS. Once a student logs into their account, click on the "COLLEGES" tab and then scroll down to the bottom section. Click on the "SCHOLARSHIP LIST" link and there will be a list of any scholarships that come to our office. Counselor's hint: Be sure to have your transcript release form filled out and signed if a transcript is needed. We cannot send a transcript without a signature; an email/phone call from the parent does not count. We need the signature!

DIAMOND OAKS CAREER TRIP The Sophomore Trip to visit the Great Oaks will be on Friday, January 19th. All 10th graders will eat first lunch and then board the buses at noon. We will be back before the end of 7th bell. If any student does not want to attend the trip, they must pick up an "Opt Out Permission Slip" from the Guidance office and turn it back into the Guidance office with a parent's signature by January 12th. This trip is part of the 10th grade career curriculum, therefore students must have parent permission to abstain from participating in this activity.

VOCATIONAL APPLICATIONS Applications for any 10th graders wanting to attend a Great Oaks program are due by the 5th of February. Please fill these applications online at www.applications.greatoaks.com. (Great Oaks will accept current Juniors into their programs on a case by case basis) On the fence about your student attending one of their programs? Come to their Open House and see what they have to offer! Diamond Oaks is hosting their open house on Thursday, January 25th from 5:30-7:30pm and Scarlet Oaks is hosting their open house on Thursday, February 1st from 5:30-7:30pm. *****Counselor's hint: Go and check out a campus at the Oaks! They are definitely not the same as they were even 10 years ago. Many programs are geared toward post-secondary education and have partnerships with schools to give advanced college credit!*****

REGISTRATION Registration for the 2017-18 school year is nearing! Please start thinking about what path your student is taking and what classes will help them achieve their goals. Registration dates will be posted in February's newsletter.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS 2ND SEMESTER CLASSES Please be aware that Urbana University registration sheets for Spring Semester are due to the Guidance Office by January 19th at 3pm. Late registration sheets will not be accepted. Students can obtain registration sheets from their teachers of the eligible classes.