

February 2019 Counseling Update

Good Afternoon Hellgate Knights!

Second Semester is in full swing and we are celebrating National School Counseling Week! During the month of February, students submit their Course Requests for the 2019-20 School Year. We will see many of our students numerous times this month to talk about Course Requests and to assist students in submitting their requests online. We create our master schedule around these requests, and we ask students to select their requests based on the classes they want to take next year. We encourage you to review the information that they receive; we believe this is an excellent time to start having conversations about choices for the future.

-HHS Counselors: Christine Kolczak, Katie Boynton, Jessica Buboltz and Ben Martin

Semester 2 Drop/Add Requests Jan 29-Feb 1

All HHS students have the first 4 days of classes of the 2nd semester to change their schedule without penalty. After this period, students have the option to drop a class with an F. Juniors and Seniors have until February 8 to drop a class (without penalty) for a study hall.

If a student would like to request a change, we are asking them to complete a Yellow Course Drop/Add Request form and attend the classes that are currently on their schedule. Counselors will process these requests in the order they are received. Students will either receive an updated schedule or a pass to see their Counselor.

Office Hours

Changes will be made to Freshmen and Sophomore schedules. Some students may be removed or added to a mandatory Office Hours teacher. Stay tuned for more info.

Office Hours is an opportunity for all students to check their Q account, work on make-up work or tests, and to have opportunities to check in with teachers about missed assignments. Please encourage your student to utilize office hours every Wednesday, even if they are not assigned to a teacher.

2019-2020 Course Requests February-March 2018

On January 30th, Parents and Students are invited to attend an Open House which will provide information on Course Requests for the 2019-20 school year. Department representatives will be present to discuss specific course offerings.

During the month of February, the HHS Counselors will present Course Request process to current 9th-11th grade students. We will discuss the importance of choosing classes for the 2019-20 school year and explain that the Master Schedule will be built based on courses that students choose through the Course Request process.

At each assembly, students will receive a Course Request Worksheet, MCPS Graduation Requirements and a list of potential courses available for the 2019-20 school year. We will ask students to bring the paperwork home, complete the course request worksheet, get a parent signature and add their course requests on to Q. Counselors will meet with the students the following week after their presentation (students must bring the course request worksheet to class) to review and collect their course requests worksheets and also review previously submitted online Q course requests. If your student misses school on the Wednesday of their class presentation, they can pick up the Course Request paperwork from the Counseling office and review the powerpoint online.

Please take the time to review your students' requests. Once schedules are released, changes will only be made for sound educational purposes, academic misplacements and elective changes for alternates that were previously chosen. See below for the tentative schedule:

Juniors (Class of 2020)

January 30th - Mandatory Junior Class Office Hours full class presentation (Auditorium)

February 4th & 5th- Mr. Martin and Ms. Buboltz will visit US Government

February 4th- Class of 2021 requests must be submitted on Q

Sophomores (Class of 2021)

February 6th - Mandatory Sophomore Class Office Hours full class presentation (Auditorium)

February 12th and 13th- Ms. Boynton and Ms. Kolczak will visit English classes

February 12th- Class of 2020 requests must be submitted on Q

Freshmen (Class of 2022)

February 13th - Mandatory Freshmen Class Office Hours full class presentation (Auditorium)

February 25th and 26th - Mr. Martin and Ms. Buboltz will visit English classes

February 25th- Class of 2019 requests must be submitted on Q

SENIORS: Montana University System Honor Scholarship

Please review the information for the MUS Honor Scholarship:

www.mus.edu/scholarships

The application is due on March 15th. Students received a flier about the process on 12/12. Students must submit a 7th semester transcript with the application; these will not be available until after Semester 1 ends.

Scholarships

If you haven't already done so, check out the [MCPS Scholarship Website](#). There are numerous opportunities available over the next few months and the HHS Scholarship page will be updated as scholarships become available!

AP Exams

Students in AP classes will receive information about AP Exams during the next month. AP Exams will cost \$94. Registration will be held between March 4-15. Students can see Jeanie Hughes to register. If your student is considering taking an AP exam, please have a conversation with them now and encourage them to speak with their teacher about the exam.

Hellgate Tutoring

Hellgate Tutoring has started back up again in the Knight Hall on Wednesday and Thursday after school.

Remind

Remind is an easy way for Counselors to send text, email or app accessible messages to our students and parents. We use Remind to send out important information and to remind students and parents of upcoming events and deadlines. Remind is easy to use. Please sign up today and encourage your students to do the same!

[Remind Class of 2019 Sign-Up](#)

[Remind Class of 2020 Sign-Up](#)

[Remind Class of 2021 Sign-Up](#)

[Remind Class of 2022 Sign-Up](#)

[Remind Class of 2023 Sign-Up](#)

Important Days to Remember

February 11- No School

February 18- No School

March 25-29- No School Spring Break

April 2- Montana State ACT Exam (Free to all Juniors, no need to register)

May 6-May 17- AP Exams

We work hard to make our Counseling Website a comprehensive source of information. Check it out here: <http://www.mcpsmt.org//Domain/334>

