

February 2021 Counseling Update

Good Afternoon Hellgate Knights!

February is a busy month! Second Semester has just begun and we are embarking on a new bell schedule and 4 days of in person learning, Tuesday thru Friday. We are so excited to see all of you (students)! The building is bubbling with laughter and learning! Students are also experiencing some stress and anxiety with the change in structure. Remember that we are always here to help!

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

Semester 2 Drop/Add Requests Jan 26-Feb 2

All HHS students had the first 7 days of classes of the 2nd semester to change their schedule without penalty. All requests needed to be submitted by 3:30 on Feb 2nd for all semesters 2 courses. After this period, students only have the option to drop a class with an F.

2021-2022 Course Requests

The Course Request process for the 2021-2022 school year has been delayed for Administrative decisions. HHS will provide more information when we are ready to facilitate Course Requests with students. Now is a good time to review your student's graduation requirements on Q and start the discussion about what classes they may want to take next year and what courses they may still need for graduation. The counselors are going to be creating a number of additional short video tutorials aimed at helping students to prepare for this process and plan for their future.

Google Counseling Classrooms

We just want to take a moment to remind you about the Counseling Google Classrooms per graduation year. We utilize these classrooms to send out reminders and updates, share important grade specific information and curriculum and stay in touch regarding Counseling related activities and opportunities. We do not assign homework through these Counseling classrooms. Please check with your student to make sure they have joined! If they haven't, they can join through the class codes below.

Class of 2021 (Counseling) code: rszrrfj

Class of 2022 (Counseling) code: wfg4zxo

Class of 2023 (Counseling) code: 3ye5tgk

Class of 2024 (Counseling) code: flupkzp

Counseling Video Tutorials

Last month, we started to roll out some video tutorials with pertinent information students identified they wanted more information about. We added the link to this folder to every Counseling Google Classroom and we wanted to share these videos with parents as well. Please feel free to check out our videos on: FAFSA, In and Out of state college applications, Scholarships and coming soon: PSAT, ACT, SAT info. We are planning on rolling out more topics as the year progresses.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nEsSfhjNbp_xrlJWZC9131fzssnrTiSu?usp=sharing

SENIORS: Montana University System Honor Scholarship

Please review the information for the MUS Honor Scholarship:

www.mus.edu/scholarships

The application must be postmarked by March 15th. (Please remember that spring break starts March 12th and counselors must sign for the Rigorous Core section). Students should receive a flier about the process during the first or second week of February. Students must submit a 7th semester transcript with the application; these are currently being finalized.

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!

Transcript Requests

Official Transcripts can be ordered through the HHS Registrar, Lori Willumsen. Students and parents can either complete a Transcript Request Form or submit a request to Lori through email at lwillumsen@mcpsmt.org. Students who are 18 must make the request for themselves. Transcript Request Forms (blue) can be picked up at Lori's desk. If making a request through email, please be sure to provide your student's name as well as the name and address of the institution it will be sent to or if you would like to pick it up in person. Please provide your request at least 48 hours before you need your transcript. Unofficial transcripts can be viewed on student and parent Q.

Important Days to Remember

February 8- No School

February 15- No School

March 15-19- No School Spring Break

April 6- Montana State ACT Exam (Free to all Juniors, no need to register)

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

Update to the Counselling Team for Semester 2

Tracy Ledyard is substituting part-time for half of Christine Kolczak's students for 2nd Semester. She is working with 9th and 10th grade students with the last names L-Q. She is also the School Social Worker. Her office is on the first floor room 164D.

If you have questions about anything in the update, please reach out to your student(s) Counselor.

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Drop/Add Email to students

Hello Hellgate Knights,

Tomorrow, Tuesday, Feb. 2nd is the deadline for Drop/Add for this semester. You have until 3:30 tomorrow afternoon to request a schedule change without penalty. Counselors may need a little time to process/review your request, but make sure your request is entered on the form by the deadline. After tomorrow's deadline, any course requests and drops will result with an F on your transcript. You can use this form to make a request:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJB9UAlsAFhZgLGh7JIAIDt9WDv69O-bqzV3mU04z4CkjLi/viewform>

- Please review your full schedule (including periods 4-6)
- If you are going to request a change, check your graduation requirements first
- Use the form above to request a change
- If you still have a purple drop slip (including periods 4-6), get the signatures and turn it into your Counselor by tomorrow