

January 2021 Counseling Update

Happy 2021 Hellgate Knights! Some of us may be pretty happy 2020 is finally over! We hope you and your students had a restful holiday break and you're ready for the New Year. Semester 1 will be ending before we know it. Now is the time for students to check in with teachers to make sure that they are on a trajectory to pass their classes. Teachers are still concerned about students they had in Periods 1-4 and want to meet with them and make a plan for completion. Reach out; make contact! We're happy to be back to school and look forward to catching up with our students and parents. Stay Warm!

My name is Tracy Ledyard and I will be substituting part-time for half of Christine Kolczak's students for 2nd Semester. I will be working with 9th and 10th grade students with the last names L-Q. I am also the School Social Worker and my office is on the first floor room 164D. I look forward to working with you!

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

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Scholarships

Please be sure to check out all other scholarships on our [Scholarship Page](#). There are many scholarships and scholarship databases to explore on this website. Here are a couple scholarships that are posted on the website:

MUS Honors Scholarship

The MUS Honors Scholarship application is now open. The application must be postmarked by March 14, 2021. In years past, the Montana University System has sent information packets, if we receive those, we will make sure to deliver to all seniors. They have extended the ACT/SAT tests to include the February exam dates for this scholarship. Official transcripts with the 7th semester grades will not be available until the beginning of February. MUS Scholarship information and requirements, including Rigorous Core criteria, can be found here:

http://mus.edu/Prepare/Pay/Scholarships/MUS_Honor_Scholarship.asp.

PSAT

Tuesday January 26th 2021

HHS will test the PSAT on Tuesday, January 26th starting at 8am in the upper gym. Registration is now open on a first-come, first-served basis. See Jeanie Hughes with your \$18 registration fee to secure your spot by January 25th. Juniors will still be able to use this test date to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. For more test prep

information, visit College Board at:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/taking-the-tests>

2nd Semester MTDA Original Credit Classes

Enrollment is open for MTDA Original Credit classes. There are enrollment restrictions currently in place. Please contact your counselor for specifics if you wish to add an additional online course through MTDA. If your student is interested in taking an on-line class, please view the course list and descriptions at: <http://montanadigitalacademy.org/resources/course-catalog/>

Students enrolled in a yearlong MTDA course will automatically be enrolled in the semester 2 course. Students wishing to make other plans will need to see/email their counselor.

Drop/Add

Now-Feb. 2nd

Semester 2 begins on January 26th! HHS students have until Tuesday, February 2nd at 3:30 to drop and or add classes for sound educational reasons without penalty. After this Drop/Add period, students who request a course drop receive an F on their transcript. Here is the link to request a schedule change:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJB9UAlsAFhZqLGh7JIAIDt9WDv690-bqzV3mU04z4CkLiq/viewform>

2021-2022 Course Requests SOON!

The course request process will be changing this year because of Covid. More details will be available soon. Students will also be encouraged to use the [HHS Course Guide](#) if they have specific questions about courses.

Important Days to Remember

Jan. 18th- No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Jan. 25th-No School (Records Day)

Jan. 26th- First Day of Semester 2

Jan. 26th - PSAT

Now until-Feb 2nd Drop/Add Period with no penalty

March 15th-19th Spring Break

April 6th -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>

