

## January 2019 Counseling and Family Resource Center Update

Happy 2019 Hellgate Knights! We hope you and your student 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. We're happy to be back to school and look forward to catching up with our students and parents. Stay Warm!

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

### **SENIORS: Montana University System Honor Scholarship**

Please review the information for the MUS Honor Scholarship: [www.mus.edu/scholarships](http://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!

### **Counseling Office Appts. Jan 16-25**

In order to allow students time to prepare for their final exams, Counselors will not create appointments with students from January 16th-January 25th during class times or finals. Students are encouraged to stop by the Counseling office between now and the end of the semester for drop-in appointments before school, during 10 minute break, lunch, Office Hours and after school to make semester 2 schedule changes. It is a good time to pick up MTDA Original Credit and Teacher's Aide paperwork. Students can e-mail their Counselors directly or submit a Schedule Change Request Form.

### **MTDA Original Credit Finals**

### **HHS Second Floor Office**

**Mon. Jan 14- Weds., Jan. 16 7:50AM-4:00PM**

MTDA Original Credit Fall 2018 Semester Finals will be administered Mon. Jan 14- Wed. Jan 16, 2019. Proctoring will be available in HHS Second Floor Office (ISI). Not all finals require proctoring. Check with your MTDA instructor to see if your final exam requires proctoring.

Please arrange your schedule now so that you are available to take the final exam during that time period. Please sign up for a time to take your final in the Second Floor Office on Ms. Bageant's door. Proctored finals should be complete by 4:00pm on Wednesday, Jan. 16th.

Thank you,

Darci and Natalie

HHS MTDA Site-Coordinator

## Semester 1 Finals Schedule

**SEMESTER ONE:** There will be no school on **Monday, January 21** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and **Monday, January 28** for staff records day.

Wednesday, Jan 23	Thursday, Jan 24	Friday, Jan 25
Per 3 7:50am - 9:50am	Per 6 7:50am – 9:50am	Per 1 7:50am – 9:50am
BREAK 9:50am - 10:00am	BREAK 9:50am - 10:00am	BREAK 9:50am - 10:00am
Per 4 10:05am - 12:05pm	Per 7 10:05am - 12:05pm	Per 2 10:05am - 12:05pm
LUNCH 12:05pm - 12:55pm		
Per 5 1:00pm - 3:00pm		

### MTDA Course Request Deadline Jan 17th

If your student is interested in taking an MTDA Original Credit class, the initial course request deadline is January 17th. Courses begin on January 22nd and the Course Late Day Add Deadline (limited course options) is January 25th, pending availability, (students will not be able to enroll in MTDA classes after this deadline). Students should see their Counselor for MTDA Original Credit Paperwork.

### Drop/Add Jan. 29th-Feb 1

Semester 2 begins on January 29th! HHS students have until Friday, Feb 1 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.

### 2019-2020 Course Request Parent/Student Nights

HHS will hold two parent nights to provide information regarding the 2019-20 Course Request process. Students and parents will attend a short presentation, and then will have

the opportunity to visit with departments to discuss specific options within the department. We encourage all HHS families to attend these evenings.

Current 9th-11th grade students: Wednesday, January 30th Time: 6:30-8

Current 8th grade students: Monday, February 4th Time: 6:30-8

### **2019-2020 Course Requests      February**

In February, Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior students will be submitting Course Requests for the 2019-20 school year. A meeting is planned for the month of January to allow students and parents to learn about options for next year. On Jan 30th, during office hours, an assembly for Juniors will take place to review course options for next year. Then they will have 1 week to complete their course requests online. On Feb. 6th, during office hours, an assembly for Sophomores will occur to review the course request process. They will also have 1 week to complete their course requests online. Finally on Feb. 13 a final presentation during office hours will occur for current Freshman. They will then have 1 week to finalize their course requests online before the window closes. Current 8th grade course request processes will be occurring throughout the month of February. Stay tuned for more info!

### **Junior Timeline**

During the month of December, Junior Counselors, Ben Martin and Jessica Buboltz, visited 11th grade Social Studies classes to pass out the HHS [Junior Timeline](#). This timeline will help students to prepare for Senior year and life after high school. The second half of Junior year is a great time to review this guide and start preparing for Senior year.

### **Life After High School Planning Guide**

### **All Grade Levels**

[The Life After High School Planning Guide](#) is a great tool to utilize to start to prepare for Post-Secondary opportunities. We encourage you to take some time to review this guide with your student.

### **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](#)

### **Important Days to Remember**

**Jan. 21st- No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)**

**Jan. 30th- 9th-11th Grade HHS Parent/Student Course Request Review**

**Jan. 23-25th Semester 1 Finals**

Jan. 28th-No School (Records Day)  
Jan. 29th- First Day of Semester 2  
Jan. 29th-Feb 1 Drop/Add Period with no penalty  
Feb. 4th- 9th Grade HHS Parent/Student Course Request Review  
April 2nd -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>

### **NEWS FROM THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER:**

**Holiday Success:** Thank you to everyone who helped make our holiday giving a success this year. We were able to provide a little extra for **148** of our students. This was all possible due to the generous donations from families and individuals. The students who received them were so incredibly touched! Our staff is so grateful that we can let so many students know we are thinking of them. Thank you!!!

We would also like to thank Holy Spirit Parish for supporting Hellgate High School as part of their community outreach! They have already helped with our laundry program, started a haircut program, and supported Hellgate Cares.

Thank you all for your continued support of students at Hellgate High School! Wishing you a very healthy and full 2019!

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