

Junior Counselor Update

Student Forms Packets were not available at the Check-In Days before school started, but now are needed to be submitted. Students need some of these forms to access computers at school, amongst other important forms. Please have your student complete and submit as soon as possible. Computer access will start being restricted starting 9/16/19. Packets are available in the main breezeway entry.

College Fair

The Annual College and Career Fair that Juniors will attend is on Tuesday, September 24th. Juniors will be dismissed from class at 8:30 on Tuesday and will meet outside the front office entrance on the first floor. We will all walk to the University of Montana and students will return to class by the beginning of 3rd period. If there are any mobility issues for your students, please let us know ASAP so we can arrange transportation.

Students need to complete a permission form to attend the College and Career Fair. If families completed an annual permission slip, that form will cover them for this field trip. This was part of the Student Forms Packet from the beginning of the year.

Students should register for the Fair here: www.montanacolleges.com Upon scanning at the Fair, they are automatically entered into a \$1000 drawing. This registration also allows students to have a barcode for representatives to scan to receive mailing information. There may be some technical issues with the registration site. If this occurs, registration can take place at the college fair.

PSAT

The test is October 16th. The Junior year is the year that students take the PSAT if they hope to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Registration is now open, please see Jeanie Hughes to register with \$16. The last day to register is September 18th. Juniors who are eligible for free/reduced lunch could be eligible for a reduced price/free PSAT scholarship.

ACT

All Juniors will take the ACT for free on March 24th.

AP

Registration for AP exams was moved WAY up this year. If you are planning to take an AP exam this spring you must pay the \$94 registration fee to Jeanie Hughes (Bookkeeper) no later than November 14th. Registering after that date requires an additional \$40 late fee. Please check the IB testing dates to ensure that you register for late testing if there are conflicts. Ms. Hiller-Claridge is available if you have IB conflict questions.

Post Secondary Visits

College and Military Visits to HHS will begin shortly. We ask that students complete a Post Secondary Visit form (found outside counseling) and get the teacher's signature (of the class period they will miss) before attending. This allows the attendance to be school related. Announcements about which colleges are coming will be made in the daily bulletin, and posted on our calendar/counseling website.

Remind

HHS Counseling is not currently utilizing Remind due to recent limitations set by the Remind App. The district is working on a new communication tool (for both parents and students) that we hope to start utilizing soon. Please make sure your contact information in Q is accurate as we transition to the new system. In the meantime, check out the HHS Daily Bulletin, read the Monthly Counselor Update, the [HHS Counseling Calendar](#) or check out the bulletin boards outside the Counseling offices for important information and reminders.

Work Opportunities Board

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Cap & Gown Presentation

Sept. 20th

Seniors will get ordering information after the fall Homecoming Assembly. Joston's provides this information. Students can review different packaging options. Order forms will be collected by Joston's on Sept 27th, 10 am- 2 pm by the main entrance.

College Fair

Tuesday, Sept. 24th

The Annual College and Career Fair that Seniors will attend is on Tuesday, September 24th. Students will be dismissed from class at 10:15 on Tuesday and will meet outside the front office entrance on the first floor. We will all walk to the University of Montana and students will be released for lunch at 11:15. If there are any mobility issues for your students, please let us know ASAP so we can arrange transportation.

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Montana College Application Week (MCAW)

Sept. 30-Oct. 4

Montana College Application Week is a statewide initiative coordinated by Montana GEAR UP, the Office of Public Instruction, and the American Council on Education. During this week, Hellgate Seniors can apply to one Montana College with a deferred or waived application fee. Stay tuned to the bulletin for MCAW week events.

1-2-Free!!

Many of the dual credit courses that are taught at Hellgate are now available for free college tuition. See your teacher for details if you are interested in adding the dual credit option.

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College Applications

Due dates are fast approaching. You may need the following items:

Transcript Requests Official Transcripts can be requested with Lori Willumsen in room 204. She will also accept email requests. Please allow 48 hour notice for completion, and include college name and address on the forms. Remember, it is **your responsibility** to monitor your transcript for accuracy, please see your counselor if there is something missing, or you don't have the correct credits.

Letters of recommendation Please allow 2 weeks notice for any LOR requested of a teacher or counselor. Also, please provide an academic resume.

Scholarships

The MCPS Scholarship website is a collaboration between the high schools for one resource. There are tools, tips, websites, and databases that students and parent/guardians can use. Updates are made regularly, so please use it regularly. <https://www.mcpsmt.org/Domain/2739>

Common App./Coalition App.

Students will invite their Counselors and recommenders directly through these applications. Make sure to check in with your Counselor to ensure that they have received the invite.

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