



THE COUNSELING CENTER NEWSLETTER



An Update from the Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School Guidance Department

December 2015

Greetings! Welcome to the first edition of the Counseling Center newsletter. You will be receiving this monthly newsletter that will keep you updated with all that is going on in the Counseling Center.

PSAT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The College Board has advised us that the results of the Preliminary SAT (SAT), which was administered on October 28, 2015, will be released in late January. The student score report will be mailed home along with the student's own test booklet. This score report provides a detailed analysis of the student's performance including:

- The response to each question/the correct answers
- The type and level of difficulty of each question
- Percentile representations of the scores
- An estimate of what the score might be on the SAT

We encourage you to review this report with your child. It is important to learn as much as possible from the PSAT experience so that the student is able to do his/her best on the redesigned SAT. A sample score report has been posted to the counseling center webpage. If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela



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SAT REASONING AND SUBJECT TESTS AND ACT REGISTRATION

As a national SAT test center, we must accommodate students from other high schools who register to take these tests at Cold Spring Harbor. Our capacity has always significantly exceeded the number to accommodate Cold Spring Harbor students. Unfortunately, an ever-increasing and unpredictable number of students from surrounding high schools are choosing to take the tests at Cold Spring Harbor. The result is that many of our own students, who register by the regular registration deadline for the May and June tests, are assigned to other test centers. Our efforts to increase our capacity have not solved the problem because we cannot predetermine the number of students from other schools that choose to use our center. Consequently, we are encouraging our own students to register for these tests as early as possible.

Most juniors will be considering one or more of these tests. In some cases, freshman and sophomores will be registering for SAT subject tests. All students are encouraged to discuss appropriate test selection with their counselor and teacher before registering.

Students can register for the 2015-2016 SAT test dates on the College Board website at www.collegeboard.org. You may also register for the ACT examination by visiting www.act.org.

Upcoming SAT/ACT test dates:

- January 23, 2016 SAT and SAT Subject Tests (CSH is NOT a test site)
- February 6, 2016 ACT (Not offered in NYS)
- March 5, 2016 SAT Only (CSH is NOT a test site). *Redesigned SAT*
- April 9, 2016 ACT (CSH is NOT a test site)
- May 7, 2016 SAT and SAT Subject Tests (CSH IS a test site). *Redesigned SAT*
- June 4, 2016 SAT and SAT Subject Tests (CSH IS a test site). *Redesigned SAT*
- June 11, 2016 ACT (CSH is NOT a test site)

UPCOMING NIGHT EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016
7 P.M.
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Mr. Vincent Tunstall from C.W. Post, will be presenting to grade 12 students and parents. This program is intended to give you all of the information you need to complete the FAFSA form and inform you of other pertinent information in regards to Financial Aid.

GRADE 11 COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016
7 P.M.
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Grade 11 students and their parents are welcome to join Mr. Rosenberg, where we will address the college planning process. The following topics will be covered: academic performance, search criteria, high school resources, timelines and deadlines, and Naviance Family Connections. This program allows your child to research colleges by comparing GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics from actual historical data from our high school.

GRADE 10 PARENT WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016
7 P.M.
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

This program is intended to give you confidence in preparing your child for junior year: standardized exams, elective opportunities, Naviance Family Connections and other pertinent information. We will also be reviewing the Career Dimensions program that our students participate in their sophomore year. Please mark your calendars.

WILSON TECH BOCES SCHOOL TRIP
ATTENTION: SOPHMORES AND JUNIORS

Join us on Thursday, March 10, 2016 (during periods 1-5) for our BOCES annual school visit. Take a tour and learn all about the many wonderful vocational training programs offered to our students. See your counselor as soon as possible for a permission slip.

QUICK BITS: SCHEDULING

Over the next few weeks, you will start to hear more about the scheduling process for the 2016-2017 school year. The Program of Study will be available on the counseling center webpage, and we encourage you to look at all of the courses we offer so you can begin to plan your course requests. Students should also speak to their teachers so they can make an informed decision as to which course is right for them. Counselors will be meeting with their students individually starting in mid-January to go over their selections. Scheduling will be covered in more detail at our upcoming evening programs.



WE HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY BREAK!

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