

# HAYS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER

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## COUNSELING OFFICE

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The third quarter of the year ends next Friday. Seniors need to work on keeping their grades up and not letting them slip. After spring break, the seniors turn their attention to planning for graduation and putting the finishing touches on their post-secondary plans. By now, they should be receiving information from the colleges on pre-enrollment for next fall. Students will want to enroll early to ensure a workable schedule for next fall. Families who completed the FAFSA should be hearing back from colleges with their financial aid package. Once all the colleges have sent the information out, families can then decide which school will be the most affordable.

Local scholarships are arriving daily, and the applications are available in students' Canvas and on the website. The website link is updated weekly. We are pleased to see that some students are completing the applications. However, there are still a lot of students who are not. Have your child keep a copy of each completed application. Remind your son/daughter to follow the directions on the application, do not leave the

application incomplete, and do not miss the deadline. Have them check the application over one more time before mailing it. With Spring Break and Easter Break quickly approaching, please remind your son/daughter to get the necessary documents before going on break. If a transcript is needed, please have your son/daughter contact the counseling office.

As your senior receives scholarship offers from various schools, please provide the counseling department with a copy of each scholarship offer your student receives. Scholarship offers for each senior will be printed in the senior achievements and handed out at graduation.

Advanced Placement exams will be in May. Students will need to pay (\$94) fee when they sign up in the Counseling Office. Deadline to sign up will be **Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Dates and times for exams are:

- Wed., May 9: English Literature & Composition (AP English IV)
- Thurs., May 10: United States Government & Politics (AP Govt.)
- Fri., May 11: United States History (AP Am. History)
- Wed., May 16: English Language & Composition (AP English IV)

All exams will be administered in the morning.

**Reminder:** Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> is early release for HS students only. If you have any questions, please call the school at 785-623-2608 or email your son/daughter's counselor.

## February – March College Application Timeline

- If you submitted the FAFSA, you should receive the Student Aid Report (SAR). Carefully look it over for accuracy. Errors can cost you thousands of dollars.
- Contact colleges that didn't send you a confirmation receipt for your application.
- Don't put off applying to schools with rolling admissions or late deadlines -- the available spaces can fill up.
- Talk to your school about registering for AP exams.
- Keep your grades high. Colleges can revoke offers of admission if your grades take a nosedive senior year.
- Some acceptance letters may arrive. Compare financial aid offers and visit campus before making a decision.
- Don't panic; many, many decisions are not mailed out until April.
- Continue applying for appropriate scholarships