

# HAYS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER

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## COUNSELING OFFICE

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Dear Senior Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe, but we are almost half-way through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. It is a very busy time of year with spring play, music contests, and athletic events. Senioritis likes to make an appearance this time of year. Keep reminding your son/daughter to finish their senior year strong and not to slack off on their schoolwork. This semester is important too.

If your son/daughter is planning to attend college in the fall, they should have their admissions applications completed. Be sure to have them check their emails regularly; colleges will communicate with your son/daughter electronically. After they have been admitted, your senior may be asked to set up an account through the college's portal. This is an important step in the process to complete housing contracts and scholarships. Families that completed the FAFSA should be receiving their Student Aid Report (SAR). This video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zS4moxA1bAw> will help you and your student understand the college award letter. Outside scholarships can also help fill the gap where financial aid ends.

Several seniors have upcoming scholarship interviews. Jacquie Beckman from Nex-Tech talked to the seniors in January about

interviewing and scholarship tips. The presentation was filmed and can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxNVrRidFpE&t=288s>. Students applying for summer internships or jobs may want to watch the video as well.

Your student may be receiving information on pre-enrollment dates from colleges. Be sure to have them sign up early; the dates fill up quickly! Pre-enrolling early will allow more flexibility on their class schedule which can benefit them if they plan to work in college. You may also encourage your son/daughter to sign a privacy waiver. Without their signature, parents will not have access to their grades while they are in college or be able to communicate with various offices about their young adult. The institutions will communicate only with the student regardless of who is paying their tuition unless they have a signed privacy waiver.

Local scholarships and opportunities are arriving daily. Please encourage your son or daughter to complete the application(s) for the scholarships they are eligible for. Some of the local scholarships are renewable and/or are available for college students. Have your child keep a copy of each completed application so they can reapply next year. Remind your son/daughter to follow the directions on the application, do not leave the

application incomplete, do not miss the deadline and check the application over one more time before mailing it. If a transcript is needed, please have your son/daughter contact the counselor's office.

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 of the exams will be administered in the morning.

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