

MARCH 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The counselors are in the process of the meeting individually with each of their students for pre-enrollment. We are going into the GPS rooms and utilizing that time to conference with each student. As we finish up in the Lecture Hall, we will then start in the Multipurpose Room. As students plan out next year's classes, remember course rigor is the best way to prepare for the ACT or SAT. Parents, be sure to review the Qualified Admissions requirements for the six Kansas Board of Regents universities and the NCAA Division I and II core course requirements.

Juniors should begin preparing their résumés for scholarships and applications. There should be four main headings (Activities, Awards/Honors, Service and Work or Other Experiences.) The résumé should be attractive, error free and one page in length. During Seminar this fall, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors started their résumés, but they will need to be updated again this spring. If juniors can have their résumés mostly completed before their senior year, it will make their senior year a little less stressful. The juniors also need to be thinking about who they can ask to write letters of recommendations for them. As seniors, they will need letters of recommendations for some college applications and for most scholarships. Some of the scholarships will require as many as three letters of recommendation. Coaches, organization sponsors, teachers, the principal, employers, or church youth leaders all make great references. It is best if a student can have a variety of references from school and the community.

Students interested in applying to a military academy should be requesting information on the application process. The deadlines for these applications are early. Also, if a student is interested in being a college athlete, they will need to register with a clearinghouse to check eligibility. For Division I or II schools, go to www.ncaa.org for NAIA schools, go to www.playnaia.org.

There are many college open houses, junior days and sophomore days that your son/daughter can participate in this spring and are listed on the school's website. Most registrations are all online on the college's website and fill up early.

Students should also be checking their digital footprint. Colleges and scholarship committees do check social media websites to screen applicants. Scholarships and college admissions can be revoked if a student posts an inappropriate picture or statement. Protecting their image and reputation is essential.

On **March 6th from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria & March 7th from 1:15 to 5:15 p.m. in seminar teachers' classrooms**, HHS will be having their first ever **Student-Led Conferences**. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will need to schedule a time with a parent/guardian on March 6th or March 7th during the designated times. During the appointment, the student will lead the dialogue in discussing the results of their matchmaker and course selections for next year. Seminar teachers have been working with their students and will prepare them to lead the discussion. In the event a parent/guardian is unable to attend, the student is expected to schedule an appointment with another adult to fill in for the

parent/guardian. The student's counselor or an administrator can replace the parent/guardian in the conference if necessary, but parent/guardian participation is far more valuable.

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 28th**. Dates and times for exams are:

- Fri., May 11: United States History (AP Am. History)

The exam will be administered in the morning.

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Be sure to check the event and opportunities on the HHS website at:

<http://www.hayshighindians.com/Staff/Counselors/Opportunities/Postsecondary%20Events%20&%20Opportunities.pdf>. It is updated weekly. **Reminder:** Wednesday, March 14 is early release for HS students only. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the counseling office at 785-623-2608 or email your son/daughter's counselor.

MARCH-MAY TIMELINE

- Start researching colleges and universities. Go to college fairs and open houses. Learn as much as you can about colleges online.
- Begin planning college visits. Try to visit colleges near you over spring break. Include a large, medium size, and small campus.
- Develop a preliminary list of colleges that interest you. Go online to request additional information.
- Take a look at some college applications. Make note of all the pieces of information you will need to compile. Make a list of teachers, counselors, employers, and other adults who could write letters of recommendation.
- Consider lining up a summer job or internship.