



From the COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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Students utilize the School Counseling Office for a myriad of services. We are here to support them in all aspects of their academic, social, and emotional learning. We guide them on their paths to college and careers. In addition to classroom presentations, student meetings, counseling sessions, phone calls, emails, webinars and more, here of some of the things which kept us busy this fall.



BY THE NUMBERS

- ★ The Counseling Office is often the first stop for new students, as well as students making changes to their academic program of studies. So far this year, we registered, scheduled, and welcomed **20** new high school students to the Tahanto family. This unique academic year meant that nearly all 312 high school students have had some sort of class change since schedules originally went out back in August. The option to attend fully remote this year was originally chosen by **13** high schoolers. Even this option necessitated schedule changes, as **3** students have since chosen to return to hybrid learning at Tahanto, while **1** student has left for remote learning.
- ★ This fall Tahanto successfully administered the paper and pencil PSAT/NMSQT in a safe and socially distanced manner to **47** students in the Class of 2022 and **19** from the Class of 2023. Massachusetts students will be able to access their score reports online from the College Board beginning Tuesday, December 8. Scores will be entered into Naviance profiles so students can use the data to support their college research.

- ★ Tahanto students have the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school through enrollment in **15** different Advanced Placement courses. In November, we collected fees and placed orders for **83** students to take **157** AP Exams in May 2021.

- ★ My goal for students is not only to reach graduation, but to have a plan beyond Tahanto. Post-secondary planning can be overwhelming which is why I like to meet individually with every senior. So far, I have met with **48** seniors one-on-one, most over Google Meet this fall. If your senior hasn't met with me yet, consider this a personal invitation to reach out so that we can get them on my calendar.

- ★ Our students have been busy applying to college and we have been kept busy supporting them. Through the month of November, we have processed college materials for **43** seniors, sending out **284** transcripts!

- ★ Students had the opportunity to meet directly with College Admissions Representatives this fall, as Tahanto had **78** virtual visits arranged. Handy tools to help students and families "see" campuses during this time of limited travel include [Campusreel.org](https://www.campusreel.org) and artofcollege.org, which include virtual walking tours and 360 video campus views. Another reminder to [Sign up here](#) for NEACAC's virtual college fair featuring over 200 participating post-secondary schools. Virtual booths are now accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week and available for viewing until 12/31/2020.

- ★ School Counselors play a role in team meetings throughout the year, providing information on academic history, progress towards graduation, and transition planning. To date, I have been a part of **22** meetings for 504 Student Accommodation Plans and **16** IEP (Individualized Education Program) meetings.

We are a team in the Counseling Office, so if you need anything, feel free to reach out to:

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Stay safe. Stay healthy. Be well. Take care.

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