

High School Counseling Department Monthly Newsletter Lighthouse News

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A Message from Aaron Kleinman, Director of Counseling

Happy New Year and welcome back. We are gearing up for a busy January-the first semester is coming to a close on *January 26th* and we are getting ready to talk with students about course selection for next year. Counselors will be visiting students in classes to review courses and how to best select elective classes.

Junior Conferences

Junior conferences are underway. Counselors have been making phone calls to schedule appointments. Parents/Guardians are invited and encouraged to attend. Please reach out to your child's counselor if you have any questions.

Important Dates

1/15 School Closed for MLK

1/23-1/26 NY State Regents Exams NY State Regents Exam Schedule January 2024

Scheduling for 2024-25

Counselors will begin visiting classes in the upcoming weeks to discuss the course selection process with students. **Students will be selecting courses for next school year.**



THE FAFSA form has been released for 2024-25. Please click the FAFSA link below for more information.

Financial Aid Forms- The FAFSA and the CSS profile are two financial aid forms. The **FAFSA** (**Free Application For Federal Student Aid**) is the primary and essential financial aid form required by colleges to determine financial aid. The **CSS profile** is another financial aid form that is required by some colleges. Please see the list below to find out which colleges require this form.

- FAFSA
- CSS Profile
- Colleges that Require the CSS Profile

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★ As some of your college decisions come in please make sure to share your news with your counselor and record the decisions in your Naviance account.

- ★ If you have been accepted Early Decision or Early Decision II, you must withdraw all applications
- ★ If you have been deferred, read your letter carefully and follow the directions. Follow up with the college if they are requesting additional information. If the college is requesting mid-year grades, please see your counselor.

New Visions-PNW BOCES Open House

Students interested in learning more about the New Visions program offered through PNW BOCES there will be an open house on *January 24, 2024 from 5pm-7pm.* 2023-24 New Visions Open House Flyer

PSAT- Students who have taken the PSAT should be receiving scores by late November. If you did not provide an email address for pre-registration to receive your scores, you can go to <u>Student Score Reports</u> to set up your free account.

<u>Upcoming Dates for College Testing (Digital Testing Format)</u> The College Board

SAT Testing Dates	Registration Deadline

March 9th Feb. 23rd

May 4th April 19th

June 1st May 16th

ACT Testing Dates ACT

Testing Dates	Registration Deadline

February 10th, 2024 January 5th, 2024

April 13, 2024 March 8th, 2024

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