



HENDRICK HUDSON

School District

High School Counseling Department Monthly Newsletter

Lighthouse News

December 2023



A Message from Aaron Kleinman, Director of Counseling

December brings a time to reflect on this past year and get ready for 2024. This month as the temperatures get colder outside and we get ready for the winter months, students and parents please make sure to review our upcoming programs as well as important information.



Thursday December 7th

Junior College Information Night 6:30 pm HS Auditorium

Please join the counseling department for an evening discussion about the college process as we talk about all pertinent information about how to research colleges, understand procedures for applying and how to find the best fit. Our guest speaker for this program will be **Mr. Ryan DePuy, Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Iona University.**

- **A detailed letter that will be mailed home explaining how to make an appointment with your counselor for a post-secondary planning meeting.**



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](#)
- FAFSA- the revised FAFSA form will be coming in December 2023.

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DEADLINE



- **Watch your deadlines- If you have upcoming deadlines for submitting applications please see your counselor!**
- **College Application Checklist**
 - ☐ Finalize college list and timeline
 - ☐ Meeting with your counselor
 - ☐ Letter of Recommendations from Teachers
 - ☐ Create a resume
 - ☐ Personal Statement/ Supplements
 - ☐ Interview Prep

- ☐ Review your college applications- make sure to check capitalization, punctuation, and grammar.
- ☐ College Applications can be submitted through the Common Application. If you have not set up your account please go to [The Common Application](#) and create an account.

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.

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 [Student Score Reports](#) to set up your free account.

Upcoming Dates for College Testing (Digital Testing Format) [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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