



G.W. Hewlett High School

PPS/Counseling Newsletter

October 2024

Dates to Remember:

October 1st

College Fair
Adelphi University
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

October 3rd & 4th

Schools Closed
Rosh Hashanah

October 7th

Progress Reports posted to
Parent Portal

October 9th

No School
Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 14th

Schools Closed
Columbus Day

October 22nd

Parent University:
Financial Aid Night

October 26th

PSAT @ Hewlett High School

Save the Date:

PreACT

Saturday, November 16th
or
Sunday, November 17th
(for Religious Observance)

Digital PSAT

Saturday, October 26th

October 28th for Religious Observance

Hewlett High School

8:00 a.m.

The PSAT has moved to a digital format. The Bluebook App has been downloaded to all students' Chromebooks, which is the platform for the exam. On October 17th, during period 9 all test takers will report to an assembly to become familiar with this new technology. Students must bring their computer device to the assembly. Reminders will be sent earlier in week.

On test day, students are asked to report to the high school no later than 7:45 a.m. and enter through the front doors. Students must bring their fully-charged Chromebook, an approved calculator, and photo ID.

Snacks and water can be packed in clear zip-lock bags with student name clearly labeled. Students will be asked to place their snack bag and cell phone on a table in the testing room

NMSQT: The PSAT is also the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Junior-year students who score in a nationally superior range (typically the top 0.5% of scores) may be invited to participate in this program. Qualified students will be notified in late spring of junior year. Semi-finalists for this prestigious competition are notified in mid-September of senior year. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Register for PSAT



PARENT UNIVERSITY

Financial Aid Night



October 22nd

7:00 pm

Hewlett High School Library

Important information about the financial aid process will be shared by an expert in the field as well as instructions for filing the required forms:

FAFSA and CSS PROFILE

Parents of all grade levels are welcome to learn more about this important process!

SUNY College FREE App Week

OCTOBER 21-NOVEMBER 3

Seniors should take advantage of submitting all their SUNY applications during this time period as the application fee is waived. Don't miss out on the savings!



College Scholarships and Financial Aid:

Once the college applications have been submitted, students and parents should immediately turn their attention to researching scholarships. There is a great deal of scholarship money available for students, but it does require research! Popular scholarship websites are collegeboard.org, [ScholarshipOwl](https://www.scholarshipowl.com); [NICHE](https://www.niche.com); [UNIGO](https://www.unigo.com); [Bold.org](https://bold.org); [Peterson's Scholly.com](https://petersonscholly.com) and [Scholarship.com](https://www.scholarship.com).

Types of Scholarships:

- **Need Based Scholarships:** Money awarded based on financial need; as demonstrated on the FAFSA. Packages are mailed home in early spring of senior year after electronic submission of FAFSA form.
- **Merit Scholarships:** Money awarded based upon academic achievement during high school and standardized test scores. Generally, no additional work is required and notification comes with (or shortly after) admissions offer.
- **New York State Excelsior Scholarship:** Full tuition, based on lottery, for SUNY and CUNY colleges.
- **College-Based Scholarships:** Money awarded by a specific college. Many competitive colleges award money based on additional requirements that are fulfilled on separate scholarship application.
- **General College Scholarships:** Many organizations offer scholarship money based upon a variety of factors. Each scholarship will require a separate application with varying degrees of additional work.

CSS Profile: Many private schools require this financial document beyond the FAFSA form.

Watch their deadline dates! Click here to see if your applied college(s) require this form.

UPDATED Common Application Questions & Answers...and more!

Class Size: 280

Year Started High School: 2021

Graduation Date: June 2025

Once ALL fields have been completed, click on the 'preview and submission' link under the college. After previewing the application, the pay screen will appear, however you have **NOT submitted once you have paid the application fee**. After paying fee, continue to **Signature Page**. Once you have agreed to the terms and electronically signed, you have officially submitted your application. The dashboard on your common app will show that the application was submitted once these steps have been completed.

Track your Application Status:

MOST IMPORTANT: Once you have submitted your application, you will be directed to open accounts at each applied college in order to track your application status. This is a very important step, as this will be the portal where your admissions decisions will be posted!

Self-Reporting Transcripts

An additional step is required by the schools listed below. Seniors must retype their courses and final grades on this platform. Applications will be incomplete without finishing this task. [Click here](#) for more information on SRAR. The **Common App** also has requirements for the colleges listed below:

SRAR		Common Application	
Baylor University	University of Oregon	Amherst College	Regis College
Clemson University	University of Pittsburgh	Arizona State University	Southern Illinois University
Duquesne University	University of Rhode Island	Ave Maria University	St. Vincent College
Florida A & M University	University of South Florida	Baker College	South Carolina State
Florida Atlantic University	University of Tampa	Brunel University London	Southern Illinois University
Florida Polytechnic University	University of Tennessee	California College of ASU	St. John's College (MD)
Florida State University	University of Texas at Arlington	Carnegie Mellon University	Stanford University
Kean University	University of Texas at San Antonio	College of Saint Mary	Taejae University
Louisiana State University	University of West Florida	Elizabeth City State University	The American University of Rome
Montclair State University	Virginia Tech	Gardner-Webb University	The College of Saint Rose
New College of Florida		Goshen College	The University of Arizona
New York University (NYU)		Hampton University	University of Charleston University of Dundee
Northeastern University		Loyola Marymount University	Univ of Mount Saint Vincent
Pennsylvania State University		Manor College	University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Rutgers University		McDaniel College	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Texas A&M University		Methodist University	University of New Orleans
United States Air Force		Milligan University	University of Oregon
University of Connecticut		Montreat College	University of Southern California
University of Buffalo		Morehouse College	University of Washington
University of Delaware		Newberry College	University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Florida		North American University	University of Wisconsin-Stout
UMass @ Amherst		Notre Dame of Maryland	University of Worcester (UK)
University of Minnesota		Oregon Tech	Warner Pacific University
University of North Florida		Prescott College	West Oregon University
		Pitzer College	Xavier University
		Purdue University	

—Application Reminders:

eDocs: Students must match their common app account to their Naviance account and make certain all applied colleges are listed on their Naviance account. [Click here](#) to view video on matching.

PPS Procedures: When students have a firm list of colleges that they are applying to, they should fill out the **PINK Transcript Request Form** and make an appointment to hand the form to their school counselor.

Teacher Recommendation Letters: Teachers will be submitting their recommendation letters online. Students must invite teachers through their Naviance account and should connect with them to inquire if additional information is needed. Teacher Rec. questions are located on students' Naviance account.

Counselors' Letter of Recommendation: To allow your counselor to write the most in-depth, accurate, and supportive recommendation letter possible, be sure to have completed the Parent and Student Brag Sheets.



Mark your
calendar!

On-Site College Admissions

Senior students at Hewlett High School have a wonderful opportunity to meet with local college representatives and have an instant admissions decision made at our on-site program. There are many benefits to participating.

Among them are:

- 1) Immediate admissions decision;
- 2) Less stress during the waiting game;
- 3) No application fee for most colleges.

Click [here](#) to view the individual college's eligibility for participating. If you qualify, please make an appointment with Mrs. Bavaro for an interview and to obtain further guidelines for your selected college. It is important to view these guidelines as each college has different requirements.

While we may have your SAT or ACT scores, teacher letters, and transcript on file, you must electronically submit your application, print it, and hand a copy into PPS by material due date.

College	On-Site Date	Materials Due to PPS:
Molloy University	November 12	November 4
Hofstra University	November 19	November 12
St. John's University	November 21	November 14
Farmingdale State College	November 26	November 19
New York Institute of Tech	December 3	November 26
Nassau Community College	December 12	December 5



APPROVED
COLLEGE
APPLICATION

It's time to jumpstart your future!

NASSAU COUNSELORS'



ASSOCIATION

2024 Fall College Expo

TUESDAY, October 1, 2024

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Center for Recreation and Sports Gymnasium
Adelphi University, 1 South Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530

Scan or [click here](#) to register for your individual barcode for
colleges to track your interaction & gain info!



[Click here to view](#)
[participating colleges.](#)

Visit www.nassaucounselors.org for additional information.
This event is offered as a FREE public service.

COUNSELOR ON CALL @ HHS



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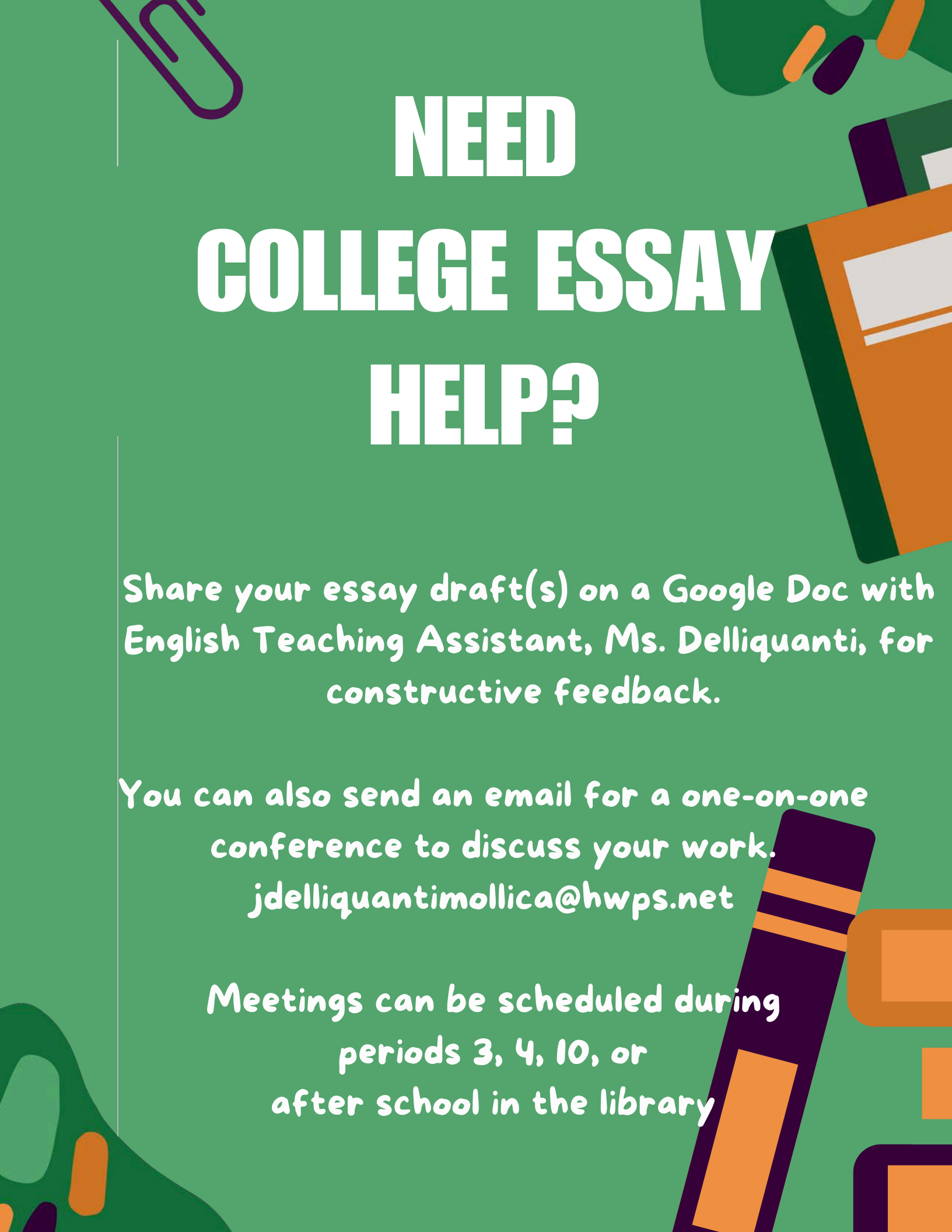
- Common App
- Naviance
- Self-Report Transcripts
- Essays
- Organization/Guidance
- ENL Support on Tuesday

Weekly Sign up at the PPS Reception Desk

Monday, Tuesday, and
Wednesday

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

See Mrs. Harrison
for details



NEED COLLEGE ESSAY HELP?

Share your essay draft(s) on a Google Doc with English Teaching Assistant, Ms. Delliquanti, for constructive feedback.

You can also send an email for a one-on-one conference to discuss your work.
jdelliquantimollica@hwps.net

Meetings can be scheduled during periods 3, 4, 10, or after school in the library

What to Expect

JUNIOR year

September/October

- ✓ Attend the College Expo at Adelphi University on October 1st @ 5pm-8pm
- ✓ Begin developing positive relationship with your junior-year teachers as they may be your recommender to college and/ employment
- ✓ Register for the Digital PSAT given on Saturday, October 26th or October 28th for religious observance
 - o Practice using the Bluebook App for PSAT
 - o All SAT exams are digital; ACT is still paper and pen
- ✓ Start researching ways to prepare for spring SAT and/or ACT
 - o ACT/SAT prep on Castle Learning, Khan Academy, etc.
- ✓ Attend Financial Aid Night on October 22nd for an early introduction to the process

November

- ✓ Register for Practice ACT given on Saturday, November 16th or Sunday, November 17th
- ✓ Continue building electronic resume in Naviance
- ✓ Develop a standardized testing schedule (see reverse side)

December

- ✓ Review results from both PSAT and PACT
- ✓ Start researching admissions requirements for colleges of interest; build a spreadsheet

February

- ✓ Attend College Night on February 11th
- ✓ Make appointment with school counselor to begin college planning
- ✓ Plan your senior courses – be certain to enroll in courses that are appropriately challenging courses.
- ✓ Be sure to value your teachers' course recommendations.
- ✓ Begin to identify which teacher(s) to write your college recommendation letter

March/April

- ✓ Attend Spring College Fair Hofstra University in April
- ✓ Begin visiting colleges of interest
 - o Create a college log book (marble notebook) and write down all pertinent info

May/June

- ✓ Start finalizing your list of colleges and summer plans to include college visitations, if possible
- ✓ Ask teacher(s) in person to write college recommendation letter
- ✓ Attend Essay Workshop in English class
- ✓ Attend CommonApp workshop through English classes with college representatives

July/August

- ✓ Continue working on the online applications
- ✓ Attend College Workshops in late August for commonapp and essay review and SRAR

September/October

- ✓ Attend all college related programs offered at Hewlett HS
- ✓ Meet with your school counselor to share updates and review completed work
- ✓ Apply for financial aid through fafsa.org, which opens December 1st
- ✓ Update and maintain Naviance accounts

November

- ✓ Participate in onsite admissions programs through the PPS Office
- ✓ Early admissions applications are due

December/January

- ✓ All applications are due; process is winding down
- ✓ Start/continue researching scholarship options

ACT / SAT 2024-2025

ACT Dates: Register at Act.org	ACT Registration Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9, 2024
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025

SAT Dates: Register at collegeboard.org	SAT Registration Deadline
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 18, 2025

SAT/ACT Online Prep Courses:

- Students can prep for these standardized exams by utilizing **Method Test Prep**. Hewlett - Woodmere Schools provides this online platform to every student through their Castle Learning account. Look for Method Test Prep on the left-hand tool bar.
- With a Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library Card, students can access **Tutor.com** for free, which provides virtual tutoring in SAT, ACT, and much more!
- **Khan Academy** is another resource that is a partnership company with College Board for SAT prep. This program also has tutoring programs for many other disciplines.