



G.W. Hewlett High School



December 2024

Dates to Remember

December 2nd
Grade 9 Orientation
Auditorium

December 14th
ACT @ WMS

December 23rd– January 3rd
Schools Closed

Reminders for Seniors:

- ♦ Transcript requests for January deadlines must be submitted to your counselor by December 4th.
- ♦ [Click here](#) to send 1st quarter grades to applied colleges, if applicable.
- ♦ Continue to view application status accounts to stay current on processing and admissions decisions.
- ♦ Share college outcomes with your counselor and recommending teachers.
- ♦ Regularly update your Naviance Account with college decisions.
- ♦ [Deferred? Here's What to Do Next](#)
- ♦ [College Scholarships](#)
- ♦ [Teacher Extra Help](#)

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PSAT Scores Release:

Students who took the PSAT in October should have received their scores through their College Board account. Scores have been download to students' Naviance accounts and paper copies are also available in the PPS Office.

PreACT Release:

Students who took the PreACT on November 16th or November 17th should have their scores back in mid-January.

[Click here](#) for Understanding Your PreAct Score Guide.

Methodize:

All Hewlett HS students have access to free test prep in their Castle Learning account. Take advantage of this wonderful program, which automatically grades quizzes and full-length exams.

ACT vs SAT Score Comparison

ACT COMP	SAT TOTAL	SAT RANGE	ACT COMP	SAT TOTAL	SAT RANGE
36	1590	1570–1600	22	1110	1100–1120
35	1540	1530–1560	21	1080	1060–1090
34	1500	1490–1520	20	1040	1030–1050
33	1460	1450–1480	19	1010	990–1020
32	1430	1420–1440	18	970	960–980
31	1400	1390–1410	17	930	920–950
30	1370	1360–1380	16	890	880–910
29	1340	1330–1350	15	850	830–870
28	1310	1300–1320	14	800	780–820
27	1280	1260–1290	13	760	730–770
26	1240	1230–1250	12	710	690–720
25	1210	1200–1220	11	670	650–680
24	1180	1160–1190	10	630	620–640
23	1140	1130–1150	9	590	590–610

G.W. HEWLETT HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9 Orientation Programs

Part I: Academic Expectations & Scheduling 2025-2026



December 2nd

at

7:00 p.m. @ Hewlett High School

(6:00 p.m. presentation for students with disabilities in the Library)

Grade 8 students and parents are invited to the first of three high school orientation programs. Department Chairs will present academic core courses, workload expectations, and the many elective course offerings available to incoming freshmen.

Part II: Link Night

Meet your high school counselor, hear from current Hewlett HS students about academic and social opportunities, tour the entire building, and meet our PAL Leader volunteers!

April 30, 2025

Part III: Freshman Focus

Students walk their actual course schedule (shortened 8-minute periods) while learning pertinent information about Hewlett HS.

TBA: Late August 2025



Open for filing!

New Regulation from New York State Department of Education:

Dear Seniors and Parents of Seniors,

As we continue the college application and financial aid process, I would like to share some important information regarding the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and the [New York State Dream Act](#). Completing the FAFSA is a crucial step in accessing financial aid for college. It helps determine your eligibility for federal, state, and college-specific aid programs.

This year, New York State has introduced a new requirement: All high school seniors must either complete the FAFSA or submit a waiver opting out of the process. This requirement is intended to ensure that every student is aware of the financial resources available to support their college journey.

Please complete this [HHS FAFSA Completion or Waiver](#) to ensure we meet the new state requirement. You can also print, sign, and return the [Waiver Form PDF](#) to the PPS Office. Paper copies are also available in the PPS Office.

For students who are not eligible for federal financial aid due to their immigration status, the **New York State Dream Act** allows access to state financial aid programs such as TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) and Excelsior Scholarships. We encourage all students who may qualify to attend Financial Aid Night to learn more about this opportunity.

New York State offers several scholarship opportunities to help students manage the costs of higher education. These include the **Excelsior Scholarship**, which provides free tuition at SUNY and CUNY schools for eligible students, and the **Enhanced Tuition Award**, which offers financial assistance to students attending private colleges in New York. You can find more information and apply for these scholarships at the official [NYS Scholarships website](#).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Harrison

Chairperson of Guidance

Understanding FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

The Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that allows students to apply for federal student aid, such as scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans for college, career/trade school, or graduate school.

HHS Financial Aid Night

[Click here](#)

FAFSA Workshop Completion

[Click here](#)

2025-26 APPLICATION

FAFSA is opened for completion for all students.

[Click here](#)

CHECKLIST

Click on the link below to find the FAFSA Checklist for incoming college students. Please note that the student and parent tax forms must be from two years prior to the date of the completed FAFSA form (e.g. 2023 records for the 2025 school year).

[Click here](#)

FAFSA IS A YEARLY PROCESS

Your financial aid package supports one academic year. A new FAFSA form must be completed each year to continue receiving financial aid.

FSA ACCOUNT NEEDED

A Federal Student Aid account is required for the FAFSA application to be completed. Students and parents must create individual accounts. Please keep your ID and password.

[Create a FASFA ID Click here](#)

Questions?

Contact the Federal Financial Aid Office:
1-800-433-3243

FINANCIAL AID WAIVER FORM

If you do not wish to complete the FAFSA form or the DREAM Act application, seniors and their legal guardians **must submit the waiver below**. The waiver form acknowledges your awareness of FAFSA and the DREAM Act and your choice not to complete either federal financial aid application. Please see your school counselor before completing this waiver form.

[Click here](#)

CSS PROFILE Many colleges and universities **require** families to complete a CSS Profile account in addition to the FAFSA form. CSS Profile asks families to provide additional financial information so more financial aid packages can be provided. The link below will send you to their home page where you can find the list of institutions that require this additional form. **There is a fee associated with the CSS Profile.**

[Click here](#)



GRANTS *and* SCHOLARSHIPS



NYS Grants and Scholarships

[Click here](#)

STEM Incentive Program

Students who are applying to a SUNY/CUNY school for a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics field may be eligible for tuition-free schooling.

[Click here](#)

Excelsior Scholarship

The Excelsior Scholarship is a scholarship potentially providing **free tuition** to SUNY or CUNY institutions (not housing). Students whose families are earning less than \$125,000 annually may qualify.

[Click here](#)

Enhanced Tuition Awards Program (ETA)

Students from families earning less than \$125,000 annually may receive financial aid to attend **private colleges or universities** in New York.

[Click here](#)

Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)

Students from under represented and/or economically disadvantaged families may apply for this financial aid. Each New York college establishes their own criteria for eligibility.

[Click here](#)

Search for Education Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK) Program

Students from economically disadvantaged families and/or communities may apply for financial aid toward CUNY institutions. College students in the SEEK Program have access to additional tutoring, counseling, and other resources.

[Click here](#)

The DREAM Act

The Jose Peralta NYS DREAM Act provides resources for undocumented students to receive financial aid packages.

[Click here](#)

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

The Educational Opportunity Program provides access, academic support, and financial aid to students who show promise for succeeding in college, but who may not have otherwise been offered admission. The link below provides more information regarding EOP. [Click here EOP Application and Information.](#)

[Click here](#)

Financial Aid Timeline



September-October

Create CSS Profile Account: Students and parents should create accounts in October. (Check and complete by college-specific deadlines.) Submitting early increases your chances of receiving aid since some funding is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Research Scholarships: Start searching for scholarships. Focus on local scholarships and programs through scholarship websites (e.g., Fastweb, Scholarships.com).

November-December

Complete FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens on December 1.

Confirm Deadlines for Each College: Each college may have different financial aid deadlines. Make sure you know them, especially if you're applying Early Decision or Early Action. **Continue Scholarship Applications:** Submit applications for external scholarships and keep track of deadlines.

January-February

Verify FAFSA/CSS Profile Submission: Double-check that your forms were successfully submitted and processed. Resolve any issues if corrections are needed.

Look for Scholarship and Grant Updates: Apply for mid-year scholarships, as some programs have winter deadlines.

March-April

Review Financial Aid Offers: Colleges begin sending out financial aid packages along with acceptance letters. Review each award thoroughly to understand the details and differences in each package.

Prepare to Appeal if Needed: If you need more aid, gather documentation for an appeal. Contact financial aid offices to discuss any changes in your family's financial situation.

March-April

Make a Decision: By May 1 (National Decision Day), choose your college and accept its financial aid package. Confirm your acceptance of the offer and submit any deposit if required. **Apply for Last-Minute Scholarships:** There are often scholarships available through the summer, so keep searching for opportunities.

Summer

Plan Payment Options: Finalize payment plans and loan applications, if necessary. Discuss installment options with the college's financial aid office. **Complete Entrance Counseling** (if borrowing federal loans): Before receiving federal loans, you'll need to complete entrance counseling to understand your loan terms.



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Attention Grade 10 Students:

Learn more about Trade Professions by attending an Open House at the below BOCES locations. School Counselors will be sharing more information during upcoming classroom presentations as we begin to prepare for course scheduling 2025-2026. [Click here for Open House dates.](#)

Barry Tech Programs

Animal Care | Animal Care Skills | Animation and Digital Media Skills | Auto Collision Technician | Automotive Skills | Automotive Technology | Aviation Operations
Barbering Technician | Carpentry | Child Care Skills | Computer Game Design and Programming Skills | Computer Technology | Construction Electricity | Construction Trades Skills | Cosmetology | Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration
Culinary Arts | Culinary Arts Skills | Dental Assisting | Early Childhood Education
Exercise Medicine & Personal Trainer | Fashion Design Technology | Health Care Skills
Horse Science and Management | Horse Science and Management Skills | Medical Assisting | Phlebotomy | Nail and Waxing Technician | Network Cabling Technician
Home Technology Integration (HTI) | Nurse Assisting | Physical Therapy Aide and Rehabilitation Medicine | Plumbing | Powersports and Engine Repair | Retail and Business Skills | Sports Medicine and Personal Trainer | Teacher Aide Preparation
Veterinary Science | Welding

G.C. Tech Programs

Automotive Technology | Construction Electricity | Cosmetology | Emergency Medical Technician | Esthetics & Skin Care | HVAC | Medical Assisting

LIHSA Programs

Long Island High School of the Arts

Performing Arts: Dance | Music | Theatre and Musical Theatre
Visual Arts | Production and Managerial Arts
Audio Production | Game Design Multimedia Film &TV

Mark your
calendar!

Junior College Planning Night

February 11th @ 7:30 p.m.

This program marks the **'kick off' for college/career planning** for our juniors

Topics to be discussed:

- ⇒ Where/How to Begin?
- ⇒ How are College Applicants Evaluated?
- ⇒ Importance of High School Transcript
- ⇒ Testing Requirements
- ⇒ College Essay(s)
- ⇒ Letters of Recommendation
- ⇒ Campus visits, interviews, demonstrated interest
- ⇒ Preparation for individual college conference with school counselor



Presentations prior:

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Military Options in Main Lobby
- ⇒ 6:45 p.m. Presentation for Students with Special Needs in Chorus Room
- ⇒ 6:45 p.m. Presentation for Spanish Speaking Families

Military Services Representatives @ 6:45 p.m.

Students interested in learning more about the United States Military branches should make an appointment to see Colleen Murphy, our military counselor liaison. The U.S. Military consists of five active-duty service branches and their respective Guard and Reserve units. Together, they offer a broad variety of ways to serve both after high school and college.

Many branches also offer assistance with college tuition through ROTC programs. [Click here](#) to learn more!



College Presentation for Students with Special Needs @ 6:45 p.m.

College Admissions Representatives will...

- ◆ Share the many support systems available at colleges and universities
- ◆ Discuss the differences between comprehensive programs vs. academic services
- ◆ Emphasize the importance of self-advocacy skills as they pertain to the college setting
- ◆ Questions will be answered regarding concerns surrounding college planning, living independently, finding support, and more

College Presentation for Spanish Speaking Families @ 6:45 p.m.

- ◆ Participe con su familia en este evento donde tendrá toda la información sobre cómo entrar a la universidad.
- ◆ La presentación será dada en su totalidad en Español por unos representantes de las universidades de Nassau Community y University of Rochester.
- ◆ Se compartirá información sobre el proceso y los recursos disponibles para estudiantes latinos (becas, formularios, préstamos).
- ◆ Le daremos documentos en Español con la información necesaria sobre el proceso.

COUNSELOR ON CALL @ HHS



Assisting with :

- 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 p.m. - 6 p.m.

See Mrs. Harrison
for details



Twilight Fall Programming Walk-In Extra Help

Math

Algebra, Geometry
Algebra 2

Day: **Tuesday**

Time: 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Location: LC 4

ELA

Day: **Tuesday**
Time: 3:30 PM-
5:00 PM

Location: LC 5

SS

Day: **Monday**
Time: 3:30 PM-
5:00 PM

Location: LC 5

Science

Earth Science, Living
Environment, Chemistry

Day: **Thursday**

Time: 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Location: LC 5

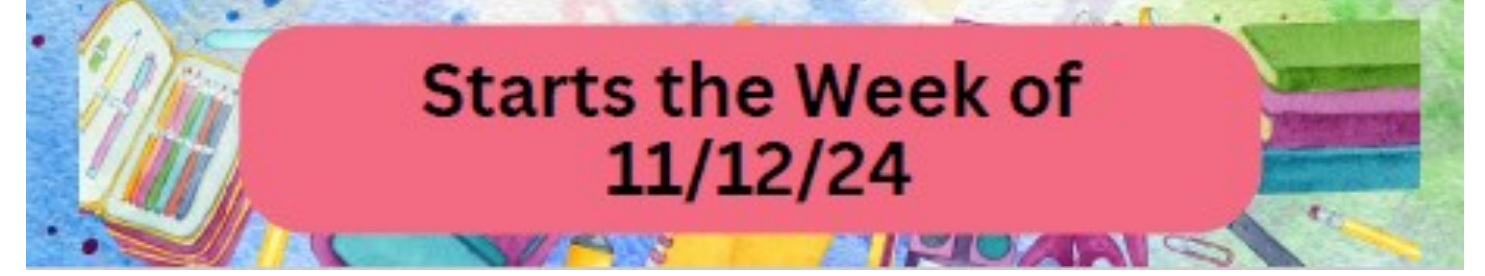
WL

Spanish, Italian, French

Day: **Monday**

Time: 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Location: LC 4



**Starts the Week of
11/12/24**

Twilight Fall Programming

Peer Tutoring ALL SUBJECTS

STARTS 11/18/24

Mondays
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

HHS Library

