



# COUNSELING MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## FEBRUARY

Happy February,

It may be the shortest month of the year, but we have a packed schedule of events.

Seniors, if you need help completing your 2025-2026 FAFSA form, please join us on February 6th at 6:00 PM in the Community Room. We will have representatives from SC Student Loan to assist students with the FAFSA process. To complete a FAFSA, you primarily need your Social Security number, driver's license (if applicable), and your most recent federal income tax returns (including W-2s).

Juniors, we will have ASVAB testing on February 12th and ACT testing on February 26th. Please ensure your laptops are charged, and bring your charger in case you need it during testing. Junior's can have a chance to visit HGTC and view the Welding program on Feb 14. Please see the Google form sent to your school email if you are interested.

Sophomores, HCS High School Options for AAST and ATA applications are open and will close on February 14th. We will also host a tour of HGTC for sophomores interested in the Cybersecurity program on February 14th. Please see the Google form sent to your school email if you are interested.

If you have not scheduled your IGP, please do so; we need to complete all IGPs by March 31st.

Thank you for your continued support!

### IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL COUNSELOR  
APPRECIATION WEEK  
FEB. 3-7

FEB. 6th at 6:00pm FAFSA  
Completion Night

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL  
FEB. 12 AND FEB. 26

FEB. 12 ASVAB Testing for  
Juniors

FEB. 26 ACT EXAM

## ✦ SAT & ACT

Juniors who registered for the school day ACT will test on Feb 26th at 8:30 am.

Juniors who registered for the school day SAT will test on March 19 at 8:30 am.

✦ College Acceptance Letters  
Seniors, Please provide your counselor with a copy of any College Acceptance Letters or Scholarship Award Letters. This information is used for Senior Awards Night.

## ✦ ASVAB Testing

Juniors, the ASVAB test will be on Feb 12th at 8:30 am . Please make sure your device is charged and ready to go.

✦ NCAA: Any student that plans to play collegiate sports needs to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. For more information on the NCAA Clearinghouse process, please see Ms. Madensky in the Counseling Office.

### HOBY SC 2025 Leadership Seminar

#### When?

Saturday, May 24 to Monday, May 26

#### Where?

Presbyterian College

#### Who?

10th grade students with a passion for leadership and helping others

#### Cost?

\$395.00/student

\*Scholarships offered

Registration will close April 25

Guidance counselors, please sign your students up for this OUTSTANDING opportunity!

CONTACT US AT  
**RECRUITMENT@HOBYSC.ORG**  
WITH ANY  
QUESTIONS!

Attention Sophomores: We are now taking nominations for HOBY Leadership Seminar. If you are interested please stop by the Counseling Office for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity to advance your leadership skills and it looks good on college applications.

Visit HOBY's website  
<https://hoby.org/students/>



# HCS High School Options Application

## Timeline and Application Information

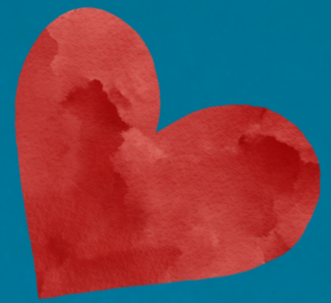
### Timeline

Date	Event
January 22, 2025	Applications open on the high school options website
February 14, 2025	Applications close for AAST, ATA, ECHS, SAHS
March 27, 2025	Acceptance letters mailed
April 7, 2025	Student commitment forms due to program schools for accepted students
A waitlist will be maintained for all programs prior to the first day of the 2025-26 school year.	





# SCHEDULE IGPs



SPECIAL  
EDUCATION,  
MLLS, 504  
EDUCACIÓN  
ESPECIAL,  
MLLS, 504

9th Grade



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10th Grade



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11th Grade



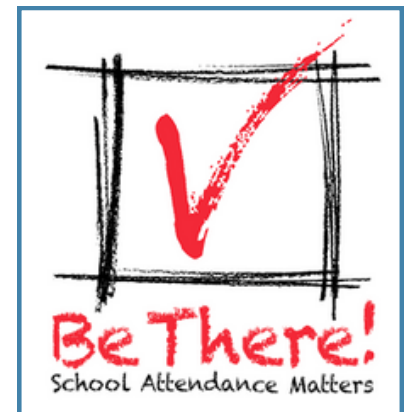
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## ATTENDANCE

Please click here to  
review the HCS  
Attendance Policy.







**Time to Talk Day, February 6**, draws attention to mental health and the importance of reaching out to others. The day aims to help people open up and be honest about mental health, without the fear and stigma often attached to the topic.



## HOW TO OBSERVE TIME TO TALK DAY

### Bring it up casually

Sometimes, it's better to approach difficult subject matter with a sense of levity. Have a conversation about mental health by bringing it up naturally in conversation. If there's dead space, consider broaching the topic by asking the person you care about how they're doing and convey your open-mindedness. People often just need someone else to talk to.

### Have a conversation with treats

If you're feeling overwhelmed, invite a friend or family member over to talk about it and use sweets, cupcakes, cake, coffee, or tea depending on your preference. These conversations can be hard, but offering comfort foods can make a more comfortable space while processing emotions in a judgment-free zone.

### Use the hashtag

To learn more about people and their experiences with mental illness, check out the #TimetoTalkDay hashtag. Social media can bring people together, and knowing other people's stories can help you feel a little less alone. If someone's message has an impact on you, reach out to them and let them know and maybe something good can come out of it.

# Counseling TEAM

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