G.W. Hewlett High School

PPS/Counseling Newsletter March 2025

Dates to Remember

March 7th
(Extended deadline)
AP Payment Registration Window Closes at 6:00 p.m.

March 7th
Quarter 3 Progress Reports Posted to Portal

March 12th
Superintendent's Conference Day
School Closed for Students

April 30th
Link Night
for
Incoming Grade 9 Students & Parents

Helpful links

PTA Council Scholarship

College Scholarships

College Guide: Class of '26

NASSAU COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

2025 Spring College Expo

TUESDAY, April 1st, 2025
5:30-8:30PM

Hofstra University, David S. Mack Sports Complex
245 Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY 11549

Scan or Click to register for your individual barcode for colleges to track your interaction & gain info! This can count towards demonstrated interest!
ONLY THE PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE STUDENT NEEDS TO REGISTER!

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

Juniors: Schedule Your College Meeting Appointment

(516-792-4123)

Prior to meeting with your school counselor to discuss college options, parents and students should engage in thoughtful and realistic conversation about college options.

Junior Conference Appointment with Counselor: Call for an appointment **ASAP.** Appointment times are given on a first-come/first-served basis. Please do not delay!

Junior College Night Presentation: Click here to view the extensive presentation given by school counselors and college admissions representative at the February 11th college program.

Class of 2026 College Guide: Click here to view the guide given to students at College Night.

Student Brag Sheet: The Brag Sheet allows your counselor to know exactly what you want expressed to your colleges. Much of the information will be included in your counselor recommendation. Be honest, proud, and sincere with the information you share. See sample page below and use the 'save and return later' option until you are completely finished.

Parent Brag Sheet: Much like the Student Brag Sheet, this document allows parents to share information that they would like colleges to know about their child. Parents are asked to email their responses directly to their child's counselor.

Ms. Conrad:

Student Brag Sheet

Parent Brag Sheet

Mrs. Rotella:

Student Brag Sheet

Parent Brag Sheet

Mrs. Leder:

Student Brag Sheet

Parent Brag Sheet

Ms. Rubenstein:

Student Brag Sheet

Parent Brag Sheet

Mrs. Murphy:

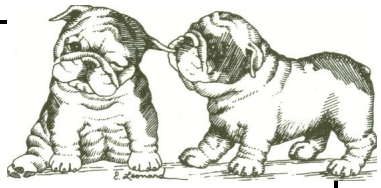
Student Brag Sheet

Parent Brag Sheet

Teacher Recommendation Letters: Once you have asked a teacher (in person) to write a recommendation letter, and he/she agrees, you must enter their name on your Naviance Account. This task will only work if you add a college to '***Colleges I am Thinking About***' list.

Check out the College Essay Guy. Lots of great tips on getting the essay started!

P.P.S. Pals...Application Open



PPS PALS is a student volunteer program that focuses on assisting new students with their transition to HHS; helps organize student and parent programs; attends evening events related to PPS; and much more. We are currently seeking new member students who are warm, friendly, reliable, and enthusiastic about their experiences at HHS. Students in Grades 9 –11 are welcomed to apply. Click here to fill out PPS PALS application and return to our office no later than March 21st. Please note that a teacher recommendation is part of this process. All members will be involved in implementing new programs geared towards helping Woodmere Middle School students and those moving into the community adjust to their new home. Our first program is **Link Night on April 30th**, followed by **Freshmen Focus** in late August. Silver Cord hours will be awarded for all programs that take place after school hours.

Facts & Fun Regarding College Admissions:

Click links to read great articles and stay informed!

7 Predictions for College Admissions in 2025

College Navigator Search Engine

What Does 'Test Optional' Really Mean?

Stop Asking Teenagers Where They Are Going To College.

Hewlett-Woodmere PTA Central Council College Scholarship Assistance:

Scholarship money is available to District residents who display a need to meet college costs. The awards given by the Hewlett-Woodmere Central Council are based entirely on financial need. Scholarship applicants must file for all forms of federal, state, and institutional aid before being considered for this grant. All applications for funds are reviewed in a confidential manner.

Click here to download the application.

More Senior News….

Do you have symptoms of SENIORITIS?

Don't let this serious illness catch you off-guard! All ***college acceptances are contingent*** upon your final GPA. Colleges have the right to revoke admission if the final GPA differs from the GPA at acceptance time. Many students who have caught senioritis have been placed on probation prior to enrolling in courses! Start your college years with pride, which means finishing your high school courses with a vengeance!!

College Scholarships are available for those students who put in the extra effort to apply! Keep in mind that many merit scholarships are automatically given based on grades and scores, others require extensive work such as additional essays and/or interviews. Click here to view latest Scholarship Bulletin.

FAFSA Completion Report: NYSED is requesting that families share their status on the submission of the FAFSA Form. Please click here to answer the one question survey. If you did not fill out the FAFSA, please download the Waiver Form available on the survey and return to PPS by April 1st.

Advanced Placement Update:

At this time, all AP students should have received a packet in the mail detailing the upcoming AP test administration and registration process. Below is the schedule of exams for May 2025, which indicates if the exam will be paper, fully digital, or hybrid.

Click here to view the online site to pay for exams via credit card. Deadline for payment is March 7th.

Blue Book:

Blue Book is the testing platform for all College Board exams. Students must bring their school device to their assigned exams. After teacher training on March 12th, students will be using Blue Book in class to prepare for the exams. At this time, students can log into Blue Book for practice questions.

Click here to view what the testing experience will look like for students.

Week One	**Morning** **7:25 a.m.**	**Afternoon** **12:00 Noon**
Monday, May 5	Biology (Hybrid)	European History (Fully digital)
Tuesday, May 6	Chemistry (Hybrid)	US Government and Politics (Fully digital)
Wednesday, May 7	English Literature (Gr. 12) (Fully digital)	Comparative Gov. and Politics (Fully digital)
Thursday, May 8	Statistics (Hybrid)	World History (Fully digital)
Friday, May 9	United States History (Fully digital)	Macroeconomics (Hybrid) Chinese Language (Digital/Recorder)
Week Two		
Monday, May 12	Calculus AB (Hybrid) Calculus BC (Hybrid)	Seminar (Fully digital)
Tuesday, May 13	French Language (Paper/Recorder)	Environmental Science (Fully digital)
Wednesday, May 14	English Language (Gr. 11) (Fully digital)	Physics C: Mechanics -(Hybrid)
Thursday, May 15	Spanish Language (Paper/Recorder)	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism (Hybrid) Computer Science Principles (Fully digital)
Friday, May 16	Physics 1 (Hybrid)	

Grade 8 into 9
Link Night

April 30th @ 7:00 p.m.

Parents & Students are invited to informational workshops:

⇒ ***Meet Your High School Counselor*** during a small group session to learn more about the freshmen experience

⇒ ***High School Student Panel*** will share an overview of academics, expectations, clubs, and other wonderful opportunities.

⇒ ***Student Guided Tours*** of Hewlett High School will be given by our PPS PALS Leaders.

Mark your calendar for…

Freshmen Focus: Monday, August 25th *(tentative date)*

Students will receive their class schedules and learn pertinent information regarding the high school. Students will walk through their actual school day with shortened periods. *(This program is for students only.)*