



G.W. Hewlett High School

PPS/Counseling Newsletter

June 2025

Dates to Remember:

June 5

Annual Awards Night
6:30 p.m.
Gymnasium

June 20

Cap and Gown Pick-Up
Elementary School Walk

June 26

Hewlett High School Graduation
Tilles Center @ LIU Post
6:30 p.m.

End-of-Year Senior Activities

June 2025 Final Exam Schedule

2025 -2026 School Year Approved Calendar

Save the Dates:

August 25

College Essay Review Workshop
10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

August 26

Freshman Focus
12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

September 2

First Day of Classes

September 9

Senior College Night
7:00 p.m.

September 26

Back to School Night
Junior-Year Overview for Parents

Course Schedules for 2025~2026 School Year

In late August, the Parent Portal will open to view course schedules for the 2025-2026 school year. Should a course need to be altered or added, it is imperative that students follow the schedule below to meet with their school counselor.

No appointment is necessary, as meetings will occur on a first come-first served basis.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation!

Grade 12	August 25	12:00 noon—3:00 p.m.
Grade 11	August 26	9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Grade 10	August 26	12:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Grade 9	August 27	9:00 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.



AUGUST 26
12:00 p.m. ~2:00 p.m.

Incoming Freshmen are invited to Hewlett High School to:

- ⇒ Meet the high school administrative team.
- ⇒ Experience a shortened version of an actual high school day by attending 8 minute-long classes.
- ⇒ Meet many HHS teachers and student PAL leaders.
- ⇒ Receive information regarding school opening, such as open vs. closed campus, academic expectations, clubs and activities, locker locations, and more.
- ⇒ Receive your Hewlett High School ID Card.
- ⇒ Obtain an Hewlett HS Agenda Book

Attention PPS PALS: Please report no later than 11:15 a.m. for training

Save the Date!

Elementary Graduation Walk is June 20!

Hewlett Elementary



Ogden Elementary



Elementary teachers and students are preparing for your visit!!

Proudly walk the halls of our district's elementary schools wearing your cap and gown. Students and teachers will be in the hallways cheering on your great success in graduating from Hewlett High School.

- ♦ **Cap & Gown** pick up at Hewlett HS at 12:30 p.m. in the pool lobby.
- ♦ Seniors will board designated bus to their neighborhood elementary school 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- ♦ Graduation Walk will take place from 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
- ♦ Seniors can choose to walk home from the elementary school or travel back to HHS on the bus.
- ♦ See Mrs. Harrison with any questions or concerns.

Last IMPORTANT Task for Seniors:

Every senior who will be attending college in the fall must verify where they plan to enroll on their Naviance account.

This last step is highly important as it allows us to send your final transcript to the correct institution. Without completing this step, students will not be permitted to partake in orientation programs or select courses.

Click on your 'colleges' tab and scroll to the bottom of your list of schools. Look for Set Attending College; select your college; hit update button.

URGENT
This matter requires
**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**



☐	Tulane University of Louisiana		Initial materials submitted	-
Select apps and: (select action) ▼		Go		
Set Attending College: N/A ▼ Update				

Also, New York State finishes classes later than most states. Many colleges will send emails stating our transcripts are late. Please ignore these 'robo' emails as final transcripts are sent when grades are verified during the first week in July. *Please do not worry!*

Letting Go:

Tips for Parents of New College Students

- ♦ Recognize your child's conflicting emotions.
- ♦ Take comfort in knowing that part of you is going with your child.
- ♦ Do not tell your child...*"Theses are the best years of your life."*
- ♦ Be prepared to see less of your child this summer.
- ♦ Make a financial plan and discuss expectations with your child.
- ♦ Discuss academic goals prior to classes beginning.
- ♦ Send surprise care packages.
- ♦ Be a coach rather than trying to solve every problem.
- ♦ Acknowledge that the start of college can be difficult and that it's not a life sentence.
- ♦ Inquire about courses rather than grades.



[Read more here from Parenting Magazine](#)

Attention Rising Seniors!

Summer Jump-Start Your College Applications!

Student feedback has proven that procrastination with the college application process has resulted in much higher stress levels for both student and parents! Completing the majority of your college application workload over the summer will result in a smoother start to your senior year...and a much happier household!!

Tips on What to DO this Summer:



The **MOST** important part of this entire process is applying to appropriate colleges! Summer is the ideal time to continue researching colleges and narrowing down your final list to include roughly 10 colleges.

Tip # 1: You want this process to be successful! A healthy guideline to follow consists of:

- 2 reach colleges
- 6 target colleges
- 2 safety colleges



The **COMMON APP** student profile rolls over on **August 1** to the 2026 application. At this point, students will verify the application started prior to the roll over and can answer the individual college questions. ***All juniors have created an account and completed the personal data section prior to leaving Hewlett High School.***

Tip # 1: If your college does not appear under the Common App, go directly to their website and click 'admissions' for direction on how to apply.

Tip #2: Always use proper grammar and capitalization throughout the entire application. No abbreviations or text message language of any kind!

Tip #3: There is ONE main essay question required for your Common App colleges. **Get Started NOW!!** The college essays holds up the process for most students – and it also causes the most stress!!! **Click here** to view the common app essay questions.



More Essays! Do NOT think that there is one essay and you're done! When you link your colleges to the Common App, supplemental 'College Questions' appear. This additional application will ask for specific information regarding the selected college and may ask for additional essays specific to their school!

Tip #4: Get the Common App essay out of the way!!!! Come August— more work is headed your way!

Tip #5: Many colleges post their supplemental essays on their websites. Check them out now.

College Essay Guy: **Free** summer workshop on how to create a great college essay. [Click here to register!](#)



Stay Organized: Create a spreadsheet that lists all the colleges you are researching. Collect data that is important to you such as deadline dates; # of students; tuition cost; majors available; and more. This will allow you to easily compare one college to another. Once you hit the submit button, it is your responsibility to keep track of your login codes. Each school will send you a unique code to track your application status. You can add your login information to the spreadsheet as well.



Tip #6: Stay organized by breaking tasks down into manageable increments.

Common App/Essay Review: August 25 @ 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. College admissions reps will sit individually with students and offer feedback on college essay drafts! Mrs. Harrison will be hosting a Common App review drop-in workshop during this time.



Senior College Night: September 9 @ 7:00 p.m. Parents and students will meet with their school counselor to learn the procedures for submitting college applications. At this meeting, students will receive important documents and forms needed to complete this process, including a transcript which must be verified for accuracy prior to sending to colleges.

Attention Seniors with a 504 Accommodation Plan

Transitioning out of high school and into college is exciting, however at the same time it is a change from what the student is used to. Students are used to parents, teachers, and counselors making sure the student receives the necessary services and accommodations to help them meet with success. In the post-secondary world, services and accommodations are completely accessible, however the student has to initiate the process and follow up to ensure they are carried out.

As the Transition Coordinator for the District, I would like to assist graduating students who have a 504 plan in high school to initiate the process of accessing accommodations at the college they plan to attend this fall. Once you know where you will be attending, please schedule an appointment with me and we can start the process of contacting the students with disabilities office. I will assist you with the process and answer any questions you may have.

My office is located in the PPS office of G.W Hewlett High School. Feel free to stop by, call 516-792-4161, or email mkinhackl@hewlett-woodmere.net to schedule an appointment. You can meet with me individually or your parent and/or guardian are more than welcome to attend. Feel free to call me with any questions. I look forward to helping you in your transition to college.

Thank you, *Michelle Kinhackl, MA, CRC*

Transition Coordinator

SUMMER SCHOOL

Students who fail either a required course for graduation or a NYS Regents exam will be notified no later than **June 30**. At that time, options will be presented, which will include Summer School at **Woodmere Middle School**, which runs from July 8– August 19. NYS Regents exams are scheduled for August 20th and 21st. Course enrollment is for **credit recovery only** – no student will be permitted to enroll for accelerated coursework.

Attendance is mandatory and monitored very closely (**no more than 2 absences are allowed**).

The Pupil Personnel Office wishes you and your family a safe and productive summer!

Take time to truly enjoy your friends and family over your much deserved summer vacation!

Happy Summer 2025!!