

Summer Newsletter

HHS Counseling Office



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you and your families are looking forward to summer break. As the end of the year quickly approaches, we wanted to share some information that may assist you in preparing for next year.

2025-2026 Schedules

2025-2026 schedules for all students were distributed in May. Although schedules are finalized, there are a few scenarios that would result in a need to change schedules. If your schedule does need to change, your school counselor will be in contact with you.

Students have an opportunity to request a course change through August 1st. Course change requests will not be accepted after August 1st. **This includes during the start of the 2025-2026 school year.** Communication from administration will be sent out to families regarding additional information about students' schedules.

Click the link below to access the Course Change Request Form. *Remember, this is a request and not a guarantee.* The final deadline is **August 1st**, and there will be no opportunity to change courses the first week of school:

[Course Change Request Form](#)

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT)

The PSAT will be offered this fall during the school day at Hershey High School to 10th and 11th grade students. This test can be taken in order to prepare for the SAT, in addition to providing 11th grade students the opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

Students can register for the fall PSAT at Hershey High School from May 27 – September 3. All payments for the test are due by September 5th by 2:35 pm – there will be no exceptions past this deadline. The official testing day will be announced this fall.

To register, please click the link below:

[PSAT Registration Form](#)

Bridge Day & Block Party

We encourage all of our incoming 9th grade students to attend Bridge Day on August 21st! This is a great opportunity to connect with your peers, upperclassmen, and to see the high school. All students are invited to attend the Block Party happening in the afternoon on August 21st. Tables will be set up with games, club information, and we'd love to see all our students to welcome them back to school!

Important Dates/ Important Events

May 16 – August 1
Course Change Request Window

May 27 – September 3
PSAT Registration Window

August 21
Bridge Day, Block Party, and 9th - 11th grade Parent Night

September 5 @ 2:35 pm
PSAT Payment Due

October 15
Instant Decision Day

Mid-October
PSAT Testing – Official date TBD

9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Parent Night

During Back to School Night on August 21st, the counselors will be hosting parent nights for grades 9 - 11 in the LGI. Please reference the following times for each grade level:

- 10th & 11th Grade: 4:30 pm
- 9th Grade: 5:15 pm

The counselors will discuss graduation requirements and information specifically for each grade level during the presentation. 12th Grade Parent Night will be held on Zoom in early September. More information to follow!



Instant Decision Day

Instant Decision Day allows seniors who are applying to college to immediately learn whether they receive admission. Instant decisions are non-binding, so students can also apply to other colleges. HHS will be hosting an Instant Decision Day on October 15th. More information will be shared at the start of the school year regarding specific colleges participating and how to sign-up.

Going Merry

Scholarship opportunities for all students are available on www.goingmerry.com. Creating an account is free and allows you to have access to thousands of scholarship opportunities. Seniors have the opportunity to apply for local, regional, and national level scholarships next year through Going Merry, in addition to school-sponsored scholarships. More information will be released this fall.

Senior Timeline

The Senior Timeline is available on the [HHS School Counseling Website](http://www.hhschoolcounseling.com) for any student or parent/guardian to reference as senior year approaches. Important topics to think about are organized by month for students to follow.

Did you know?

- Last Names S - Z: Don't worry - you did not get a new school counselor! Ms. Hall is now Mrs. Patchen. Make sure to wish her congratulations!
- The school counseling office will have an intern this year who is pursuing her Master's in School Counseling. Make sure to give Ms. Pierson a warm welcome!
- Hershey High School has updated their Educational Planning Guide, which includes graduation requirements, course information, and additional learning opportunities. Please use the link below to reference:
 - <https://www.hhseducationalplanningguide.com/>

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