



Happy Graduation

Welcome to the High School Counseling Office Newsletter!

Welcome to the High School Counseling Office Newsletter. This monthly publication keeps students, families, and staff informed and connected throughout the school year with important dates and timely updates related to college and career counseling. Here, you'll find information about upcoming events, instant decision days, college visits, application timelines, and other valuable opportunities.

The newsletter also highlights mental health resources, wellness initiatives, and support services available to students and families, along with details about our annual Clearinghouse Scholarship opportunities for North Plainfield High School seniors. Our goal is to provide clear, consistent communication that supports students' academic planning and overall well-being.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your assigned school counselor. Counselor assignments and office locations are listed on the side of this newsletter.

Ms. Stephanie Scasso

Director of School Counseling

2026 High School Counselor Assignments

Joelle Bruno

9th -12th A-C

High School Counseling office

Kathleen Mathews

9th -12th D-K

High School Counseling office

Caitlyn Crespo

9th M-Q | 10th -12th L-P

High School Counseling office

Michelle Fallucca

9th R-Z | 10th -12th Q-Z

High School Counseling office

Kaitlyn Gregory

ML Counselor

9th -12th A-Z

High School Library

Yolanda Cajas

Student Assistance Coordinator
High School Library

Nancy Reyes

College & Career Counselor
High School Library



SCAN ME!

Scan the QR code to the Counseling Department page for important links and information



Important Reminders



SAT Scores

The SAT testing registration deadline has now passed for the 2026 SY.
To retrieve your SAT scores, click on the link below:

[Getting Your SAT Scores](#)



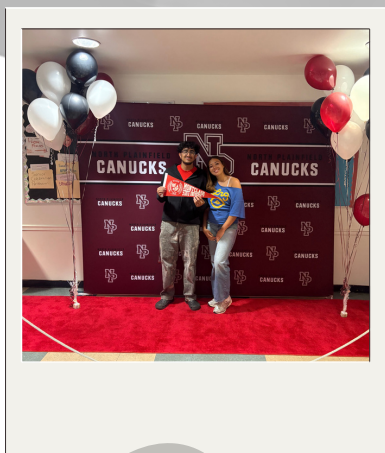
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(In case you missed it)

From the

College & Career Counselor

National Decision Day
5/1/2026

NPBS celebrated National College Decision Day on May 1st! Congratulations to our seniors on their college selections and best wishes as they begin this exciting new chapter.



Clearinghouse Scholarship Ceremony
5/12/26

The Clearinghouse Scholarship Ceremony proudly celebrated the achievements of 83 students through the awarding of 47 scholarships totaling \$113,150. This year's ceremony also introduced 5 new scholarships, reflecting the continued generosity and support of our community in helping students pursue their educational goals. With over 200 guests in attendance, the evening was a meaningful celebration of student success, academic achievement, and community support. A special congratulations goes to Chloe Rodriguez, recipient of the Frank and Marjorie Mundy \$24,000 Scholarship.

Visit from Raritan Valley Community College 5/27/26

On May 27th, a representative from Raritan Valley Community College visited North Plainfield High School to provide an information session regarding the Early College Program.

- This program offers 10th, 11th, and 12th-grade students the opportunity to gain college credits while still in high school.

Construction Industry Career Day field trip 5/27/2026

North Plainfield High School students, interested in pursuing a trade post-graduation, had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on Construction Industry Career Day field trip on May 27th.

- In addition to participating in a variety of exhibits, attendees had the opportunity to meet with local union representatives.
- A list of the exhibitors and unions participating can be found [here](#).



Student Spotlight:



Congratulations to Edison Solis-Serrano on receiving the New Jersey Relocation Scholarship. This award recognizes his hard work and dedication as he prepares for the next chapter of his educational journey. We are proud of his accomplishment and wish him continued success in the future.



Congratulations to Leah Zimmerman on being named a recipient of the Hagan Scholarship, a prestigious nationwide award that supports students in achieving a debt-free college education. Leah was selected from among 1,326 recipients nationwide. We are proud of her accomplishment and wish her all the best in her college journey.

Congratulations!

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Project Adelante

Duration: July 6, 2026 – July 30, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please view the flyer linked below for information on registration and scheduling.

Details: Project Adelante at Kean University is a free summer enrichment program for students in grades 9–12. Designed to support Latino students and English language learners, the program helps participants strengthen their English language, literacy, and academic skills while preparing for high school success and future college opportunities. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to build confidence, develop new skills, and stay on track for graduation and higher education. Register today to secure your spot!

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AP Bootcamp

Duration: June 29, 2026 – July 23, 2026 from 8:30-12:30pm

Please view the link to the flyer below for information on scheduling and signing up.

Details: AP Boot Camp gives students the chance to meet their AP teachers for the 2026–27 school year, learn about course expectations, review summer assignments, and ask questions before classes begin.

Attendance is strongly recommended for all AP students and required for students who were waived into the course.

CHALLENGE TODAY. SUCCEED TOMORROW.

AP BOOTCAMP

GET AHEAD. GET PREPARED. GET AP READY!

DURING THE SUMMER
AT NORTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

An intensive summer program designed to **BUILD SKILLS, BOOST CONFIDENCE, and EARN RESULTS** in your AP courses!

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

- MASTER KEY CONCEPTS**
Deepen your understanding of AP content and tackle challenging topics.
- TEST-TAKING STRATEGIES**
Learn proven strategies to improve accuracy, speed, and confidence.
- BOOST YOUR SCORE**
Build the skills and discipline to earn a 5!
- LEARN, COLLABORATE, SUCCEED.**
Work with AP teachers and motivated peers in a focused, supportive environment.

PROGRAM DETAILS

INVEST THIS SUMMER. REAP THE REWARDS.

- GET A HEAD START
- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- MAXIMIZE YOUR POTENTIAL
- BE READY. BE PREPARED. BE UNSTOPPABLE.

SPOTS ARE LIMITED! DON'T MISS OUT!

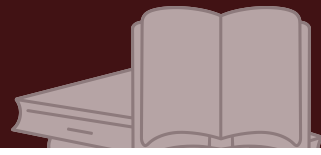
TEACHERS WILL HOLD MEET AND GREET IN JUNE. REGISTRATION THROUGH GENESIS PARENT PORTAL.

NORTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
Our School. Our Pride. Our Future.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS



Summer 2026 Enrichment

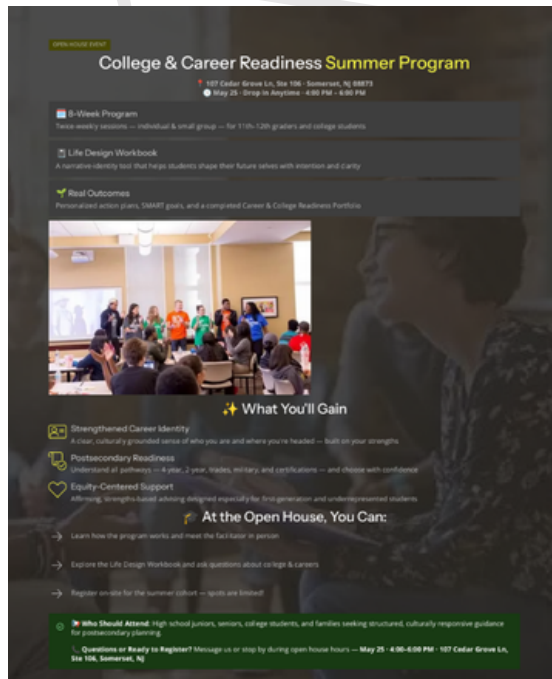
Duration: June 29, 2026 – July 30, 2026

(Monday–Thursday; select programs extend into August)

Age: Current grades 3–11

Details: Free summer enrichment featuring sports, arts, music, theater, AP bootcamps, and college readiness—plus a 5-week afternoon program (grades 3–6) and free breakfast/lunch; registration opens May 6 (limited spots).

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Career & College Readiness Program

Duration: Begins June 29, 2026

8-Week curriculum | Twice-weekly sessions

Age: 11th-12th graders and college students

Details: This summer career readiness program, led by Dr. Sherritta Hughes and a team of educators and clinicians, helps students explore career pathways, prepare for college and careers, build resumes, practice interviewing skills, and develop personalized plans for their future. For more information or to register, contact Hughes Integrative Mental Health and Wellness at 609-515-8448.

The registration deadline has passed

[PROGRAM INFORMATION](#)

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board 2026 Summer Youth Work Experience Program

Employers and Youth in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties are invited to apply to take part in The GRWDB's Seventh Annual Program

EMPLOYERS PARTICIPANTS:

Private and public employers in Hunterdon and Somerset counties with part-time summer positions may apply. Position responsibilities may include: office, clerical and support work; children's summer programs; administration support; maintenance work; and more. Applications may be downloaded here or go to the Somerset County website's Public Notices tab on the home page. They are due by Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

YOUTH CANDIDATES:

Youth Participant Applications and Policies can be downloaded here and on the home page of www.thegrwdb.org. Completed applications are due to the GRWDB by Monday, May 4, 2026.

The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board SUMMER YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM DETAILS:

DURATION: Any 200-hour period between May 26, 2026, and October 16, 2026.

AGE: Candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 24 and can be in school or out of school.

REQUIREMENTS: Youth accepted into the program will work 180 hours with an employer and complete 20 more hours working on a virtual career-readiness program platform and taking part in in-person classes. Each participant will be paid a stipend of \$17 an hour for 200 hours, for a total of \$3,400.

For details, employers and youth may contact Program Coordinator Jeanne Cassano at jcassano@somersetcountynj.gov, call 908-541-5785, use the QR code or go to www.thegrwdb.org.



Summer Youth Work Experience Program

Duration: Any 200-hour period between May 26, 2026 and October 16, 2026

Age: Between ages of 16 and 24

Details: Accepted youth will complete 200 hours—180 with an employer and 20 in career readiness training—and earn a \$3,400 stipend at \$17 per hour.

The registration deadline has passed

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NORTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Seventh Annual SUMMER COLLEGE APPLICATION BOOTCAMP

August 10, 11 & 12, 2026

(All 3 days)

(9am-12pm)

Location: North Plainfield High School

Class of 2027, Get a jumpstart on your college applications!

School Counselors, English teachers, and NPHS Alumni will be there to assist you.

Special guests: College admission representatives will offer advice & tips for a successful college application

To register, complete the google form using the QR code above or use the attached link: <https://forms.gle/hUapyT971dJ9Tn7A> For questions or information, Email: nancy_reyes@nplainfield.org

- ♦ Find the right fit college for You.
- ♦ Organize your college list.
- ♦ Start your college applications on Common Application, Naviance & STAR
- ♦ College Essay Writing Workshop
- ♦ Learn about financial aid, and Scholarships.
- ♦ Interview Skills
- ♦ And more.....

Summer College Application Bootcamp

Free Summer Rutgers Medical Program

Dates: August 10, 11, & 12, 2026

All 3 days, 9AM-12PM

Location: North Plainfield High School

Details: North Plainfield High School will host its Summer College Application Bootcamp on August 10–12, 2026 (9 AM–12 PM) for the Class of 2027, offering support with applications, essays, and financial aid.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS



Hispanic Center of Excellence (HCOE)

2026 SUMMER YOUTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM (SYSP)

Free

In-Person
Medical Summer Program
for Rising Juniors & Seniors

SAT PREP ACADEMY

Saturdays: June 6, 13, 20, 27
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PROGRAM DETAILS

Dates: June 29 – July 31

Monday – Friday 9 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: In-Person at Rutgers
NJMS (Newark, NJ)



WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

SAT Preparation
Anatomy & Physiology Exposure
Hands-on Medical & STEM Learning
Research Project
College Readiness & Career Exploration
Wellness & Mental Health Activities
Community Service

Apply by May 18th



Rutgers Medical Summer Program

Free Summer Rutgers Medical Program

Dates: June 29- July 31

Monday -Friday 9AM -3:30PM

Location: In-Person at Rutgers NJMS (Newark NJ)

Details: Free in-person Medical Summer Program for
Rising Juniors & Seniors

The registration deadline has passed

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Don't Miss Out on Money for College



Students planning to attend college this fall can access free resources from the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) to help navigate the financial aid process. In addition to [FAFSA webinars](#), HESAA offers a video outlining important next steps after submitting the FAFSA to ensure eligibility for State financial aid.

[Next Steps After Completing
The FAFSA](#)

Mental Health & Wellness

June



National Men's Health Month

June is National Men's Health Month, a nationwide observance focused on raising awareness of preventable health issues affecting boys and men. The month encourages individuals to take an active role in their health through regular medical checkups, preventive screenings, healthy eating, physical activity, and stress management. It also highlights the importance of mental health by promoting conversations about emotional well being, reducing stigma around seeking help, and encouraging access to support services. National Men's Health Month serves as a reminder that early detection and treatment of conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, certain cancers, and mental health disorders can significantly improve overall health outcomes and quality of life.

Events & Programs

A flyer for "Wings to Wonder" summer camp. It features a young girl with dark hair, wearing a green t-shirt and a backpack, holding binoculars and looking up at a butterfly. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor scene with green leaves. The text "NEW JERSEY AUDUBON" is in the top left corner. The title "WINGS TO Wonder" is in large, stylized letters. Below the title, it says "NATURE. DISCOVERY. BELONGING." and "At New Jersey Audubon, we believe every child deserves the chance to experience and connect with the natural world." The bottom section contains two columns of text: "Thanks to the generous support of PSEG, our Wings to Wonder program removes barriers that can prevent children in underserved communities from accessing high-quality outdoor education" and "Camp opportunities available at two locations: • Lorimer Sanctuary, Franklin Lakes • Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, Bernardsville Campers must reside in a PSEG service territory." At the bottom, there is a QR code, the text "TO LEARN MORE VISIT: NJAUDUBON.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS/", and a logo for PSEG with the text "THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNER".

Smart Recovery for Teens

Dates: June 22 – August 28, 2026

Time: Varies by camp (9:00 AM–3:00 PM; Preschool Camp 9:00 AM–12:00 PM)

Location: Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Details: Wings to Wonder Summer Camp, hosted by New Jersey Audubon, offers children and teens the opportunity to explore nature through hands-on outdoor adventures, wildlife discovery, environmental education, arts, fishing, wilderness skills, and leadership development. Programs are available for ages 4 through Grade 12 and are designed to inspire curiosity, build confidence, and foster a lifelong appreciation for the natural world in a safe and engaging environment.

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Mental Health & Wellness



SMART RECOVERY FOR TEENS

**THURSDAYS
4PM - 5PM
BEGINNING
APRIL 16TH**

AGES 13-17

Join us for a supportive, non-judgemental space for teens.

FREE SNACKS

The Franklin Hub
873 Hamilton St.
Somerset, NJ 08873

WHAT IS SMART RECOVERY?

SMART (Self-Management and Recovery Training) helps teens make positive changes using real-life tools. This group focuses on managing thoughts, handling challenges, and building a life that feels good and in your control.

NOTE TO PARENTS & GUARDIANS:
CIC is a nonprofit peer recovery center that supports each individual's unique path of recovery. Our credentialed CPRS team takes a person-first approach, prioritizing safety, responsibility, and meaningful support for all.

Questions? Christopher: czito@communityincrisis.org or Mike: mmannon@communityincrisis.org

Community In Connection

Smart Recovery for Teens

Dates: Beginning April 16th

Thursdays 4PM-5PM

Location: The Franklin Hub 873 Hamilton St
Somerset, NJ 08873

Details: SMART Recovery for Teens is a weekly support group for ages 13–17, held Thursdays from 4–5 PM starting April 16 at The Franklin Hub in Somerset, NJ. It offers a safe, nonjudgmental space to build coping skills, manage challenges, and support recovery using practical tools.

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ALLIES OF RECOVERY WELCOME!

AGES 16-23

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN RECOVERY!

JOIN OUR YOUTH IN RECOVERY COMMITTEE

- Make a positive impact in the recovery community and have your voice heard
- Connect with other youth in recovery in a supportive, welcoming space
- Share your ideas and help shape peer-driven initiatives
- Turn your lived experience into meaningful change

ARE YOU IN RECOVERY OR RECOVERY CURIOUS?

QUESTIONS?
TEXT MIKE: (908) 324-2603
OR EMAIL:
MMANNON@COMMUNITYINCRISIS.ORG

Community In Connection

Allies of Recovery

Ages: 16-23

Details: Allies of Recovery is inviting young people in recovery to join a supportive group where they can connect with peers, share experiences, and help shape recovery-focused initiatives while making a positive impact in their community.

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Gamer Zone

Dates: Wednesday Nights

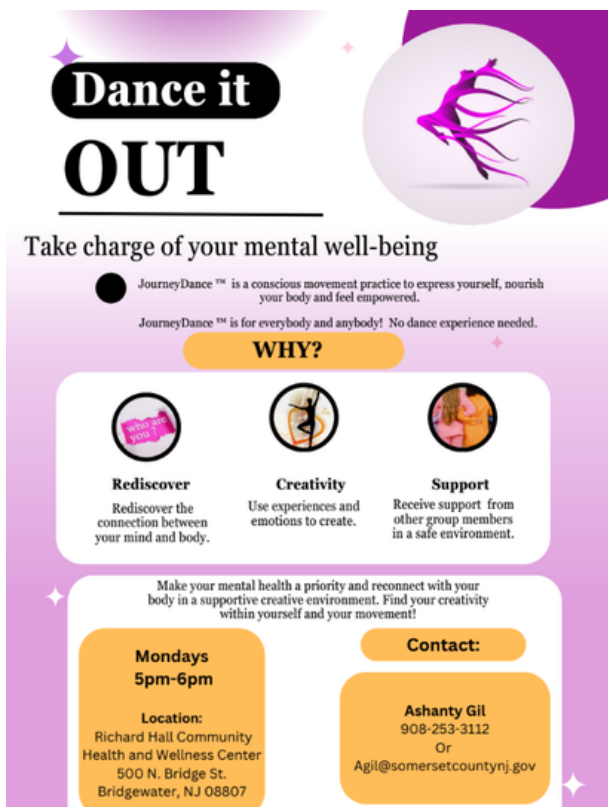
Time: 4:30-5:30 PM

Ages: For teens ages 13-17 years old

Location: 500 North Bridge Street Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Details: A weekly “Gamer Zone” event for teens ages 13–17, held Wednesdays from 4:30–5:30 PM at Richard Hall in Bridgewater, NJ, featuring video, board, and card games. Contact Robyn for details.

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Dance it OUT

Dates: Mondays

Time: 5PM-6PM

Location: Richard Hall Community Health and Wellness Center 500 N. Bridge St. Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Details: A weekly “Dance It Out” class on Mondays from 5–6 PM at Richard Hall, promoting mental well-being through creative movement in a supportive, all-level environment.

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