

COUNSELING *Corner*

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Believe the Hype: College Week

Fall marks cooler temperature, leaves changing color, and an extra hour of sleep when Daylight Savings reverts to Standard Time. Around Argo, the counselors and seniors are fueling up on pumpkin spice caffeinated beverages to complete college applications by the priority deadline of November 1st. Instead of bemoaning this admittedly pressurized environment, the Counseling Department is instead throwing its annual College Week extravaganza.

Here are some of the highlights as of now, don't be shocked if surprises happen as well:

- Daily Trivia in the Announcements
- Dress Up Days
 - Military Monday
 - Tuesday is Dress Like a College Student
 - Wednesday is College Pride
 - Thursday is Our Future is Bright
 - Friday is School "Spirit" Day

- College bound t-shirt giveaways to seniors who complete the Common Application, a direct to institution application, and/or the FAFSA
- Younger students can win raffles by completing career surveys on the SchoolLinks platform
- Juniors can win raffles by completing the One Click College Admit
- Dream a little dream with us on the Dream Wall, where seniors will post their "dream" colleges
- Campus scavenger hunt
- Many teachers will post college related information and decorations on their classroom doors, watch for that
- Teacher Bingo: the people who teach you were once in college, learn facts about them and win prizes 🍷



Get that Bag: Scholarships now posted on SchoolLinks

This year, Argo rolled out our new college platform, SchoolLinks. Seniors have already had hands-on experience with the platform, but all other classes will receive training on it soon.

With this new transition, The PPS/Guidance department will begin hosting scholarships within SchoolLinks. All students should be able to log into SchoolLinks, click "College" on the left-hand side, and scroll down to Scholarship Matching.

SchoolLinks has a database of over 4,000 scholarships. By filling out the demographic information in SchoolLinks, students will receive a curated list of scholarships that they are eligible to apply for. Additional scholarship information and databases are also listed on the Argo webpage.

If you have any questions about scholarships or need further help with SchoolLinks, please reach out to your school counselor. 

Nothing Sophomoric About It: SchoolLinks Lessons Coming to 10th Grade

Our school's new postsecondary planning platform is up and running at a steady pace with our seniors currently. College applications, letters of recommendation, résumés; these are all features that seniors are utilizing as you read this. But what about the other three grades at Argo?

Don't despair because the counselors are going to onboard the Class of 2029 sophomores in early November with the hope that they are expert navigators by the time they reach senior year. The English 2 teachers are kindly donating some instructional time away from poetry, prose, and lit crit to allow counselors to kick start sophomore minds into planning for life after good old Argo.

What about freshmen and juniors? Stay tuned for future editions of Counseling Corner; we're monthly so some content must wait. 



Intern(al) Affairs - Ms. Gamboa

CC: What motivated you to study to become a school counselor?

IG: I decided to become a school counselor because of the example my own high school counselor set for me. She offered me support, encouragement, and challenged me academically. She was a great resource for me and a role model who I looked up to. In the future, I would like to pay it forward and be a resource for others when they need it most. School counseling is a great way to connect with people and make an impact.

CC: Which graduate program are you attending?

IG: I am a master's student at Northeastern Illinois University's school counseling program in Chicago, Illinois. It is an accredited program by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), which means it meets the national standards of the counseling field. The class sizes are small, so you really get the opportunity to get to know your professors and classmates well.

CC: What has impressed you so far about Argo students?

IG: Something that has impressed me so far has been their personalities and determination. Every student, in one way or another, has an end goal that they are trying to accomplish, and they are set on achieving it to become better versions of themselves. I have really enjoyed having conversations with students and getting to know them better.

CC: What have you learned from the experienced counselors about the job thus far?

IG: School has only been in session for a little over two months, and I feel like I learn something new every day. All the counselors



The genial Ms. Gamboa.

have been extremely welcoming and have been great mentors as I develop my own school counseling identity. I am so grateful for their kindness and patience as I navigate my new environment and learn what this profession is really about. It is exciting to get insight from knowledgeable individuals in the field.

CC: What do you like to do in your free time?

IG: When I am not at school, I like to spend my time with loved ones, watching a good tv show (currently watching Arrested Development for the first time), and enjoying live music. I love going to concerts and music festivals and singing my favorite songs. Some artists that I have seen this year are Kali Uchis, the Strokes, Ariana Grande, and J Balvin. I also really enjoy traveling. Some of my favorite places that I have been to are Mexico City, Boston, Alaska, and the Dominican Republic. 🇨🇵