



COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 4- Emperor Reports
- Oct. 11- PSAT TESTING 10th
- Oct. 13- Cal-Grant GPA Submission
- Oct. 13- Academic Awards
- Oct. 17- 9-11th Parent Meeting
- Oct. 17- COS Workshop
- Oct. 17-18- 11th Grade Focus Lessons
- Oct. 18- Cash For College
- Oct. 20- Emperor of the Month Breakfast
- Oct. 23- Red Ribbon Celebration at Sportsplex
- Oct. 24th- CSU Workshop
- Oct. 24-25th- 12th Grade Focus Lesson
- Oct. 28th- ACT @ DHS
- Nov 1- UC Workshop

9th, 10th, 11th GRADE PARENT MEETING

The counselors at DHS will host a 9th and 10th/11th Grade Parent Meeting on October 17th. This will be a great event where parents will become educated on the basic systems and requirements at DHS, college admission, and a plan after High School. The Health Fair will also be going on in the quad before and after parent meetings. Additionally, we will be selling tacos for a dollar each during the evening. If you would like to view the Power Point that we will be presenting contact a counselor.



PSAT 10th GRADE TESTING

While many of you may have heard rumors of the PSAT coming to DHS; we are pleased to announce that it is. On October 11th, 10th grade students who had a weighted GPA of 2.0 and above last year will be taking the test. This number comes out to 375 of the 536 sophomores we have here at DHS.

Scores from this testing date will be available online for students on December 11th. The [score report](#) from the PSAT gives students a bar graph indicating whether the student is on track for college readiness. The sum of students two section scores can range from: 320-1520. The data from this test is a great indicator for strengths and weaknesses in a student's Math and English levels. If you know any students that would like to take a practice-PSAT they are offered through many website, but Khan Academy [PSAT Prep](#) is highly recommended and easiest to access.

QUICK STATS

- ◆ Number of Students seen by counselors in SEPTEMBER: **225**
- ◆ SST's & 504 Meetings: **5 / 39**
- ◆ Individual Education Plan (IEP): **# CONFIDENTIAL**
- ◆ Office Visits/Steps (OCS): **143**
- ◆ LGSS/DCS/Mental Health Referrals: **11**
- ◆ AT RISK MEETINGS **98**

PSAT: Not a Pre-Test



The testing schedule is still being formulated, but we do know which students are testing. We will get more information to those who are selected to proctor the exam. If you have further questions please contact Evan Halstead at Ext: 2726 or evan.halstead@dinuba.k12.ca.us

TEST DATES

- PSAT
October 11th @ DHS
- SAT
November 4th @ DHS
May 5th @ DHS
- ACT
October 28th @ DHS
April 14th @ DHS

AT-RISK/ Credit Deficient COUNSELING MEETINGS

How do DHS Counselor qualify At-Risk Meetings?

- Credit Deficient
 - 9th— Failing multiple classes
 - 10th—50 credits (MUST PASS ALL)
 - 11th—120 credits
 - 12th— 190 credits
- 35 Negative Attendance marks or more

What is counseling doing for at-risk meeting?

Meeting with student and parent takes place to sign an At-Risk/Extra Credit contract. SST's may be scheduled if deemed appropriate. After we have exhausted all options then transfer paper work is prepared.

WHAT IS THE FRESH START PROGRAM?

Counseling department selected 30-9th grade students who volunteered to join our Fresh Start Program. This program offers students 3 days of rotating intervention tutorials with a Math, English, Science teacher on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Attendance is mandatory. After 3 negative attendance marks students are dropped and the next student on the waiting list is selected. The goal is to help students improve their grades in these core classes and prevent them from failing 1st Semester.

PHONE EXTENSIONS

Avila (A-CAM & MED)	2729
Arreola (CAN-HER)	7232
Sanchez (HES- MA&AVID)	2730
Halstead (MC-R)	2726
Shin (S-Z &ECM)	2727