

News from the HHS Counseling Department

February 2020

Grade 12

The Counseling Office would like to thank you for taking the time to read though the following information in an effort to collaboratively support student success.

Mid-Year Grade Report Request Process:

Seniors began requesting Mid-Year Grades on January 17, 2020. (Grades will be sent out after February 3rd.) You should have already requested Initial Transcripts prior to requesting a Mid-Year Grade Report.

1. Log in to Naviance. If you are having trouble logging in please see your Counselor.
2. Scroll all the way down to the bottom of the home page and under **Pages**, click on **Mid-Year Request**, and right click on the survey link. Select **Open in New Window**. Complete the **Mid-Year Transcript Request**. (Opening the survey in a new window will allow you to refer back to Naviance to view the schools and methods of transcript delivery for each school.) **You must complete this survey for each Mid-Year transcript that you are requesting.**

AP Exam Registration:

Students who signed up to take a fall semester or full year AP Exam will be required to pay for their exams by February 21, 2020. If you signed up to take an exam and you wish to cancel, you will still be responsible for the \$40.00 unused exam fee (as per College Board). You must provide a note from a parent or guardian to cancel an exam. Check or money order can be made out to "Haverford High School" and given to Mrs. Novino in the Counseling Office. **AP Exams are \$94.00 each.**

We will begin taking registrations for semester two AP classes on February 10, 2020 (following an assembly on February 7, 2020). Full payment will be due at the time of registration for semester two AP exams.

Local Scholarships and Awards:

Each year, over 20 scholarships and awards provided by local organizations, alumni groups, and community members are awarded to Haverford High School seniors. The application for these local HHS scholarships and awards will be available on the Haverford High School Counseling Department website from Monday, March 2nd until Friday, March 20th. At 3:00 pm on March 20th, the application will close.

Some scholarship websites to check out:

<https://www.fastweb.com/> <https://www.goingmerry.com/>
<http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com/> <https://www.scholarships.com/> <https://myscholly.com/>
<https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/> (can also be accessed in Naviance)

Scholarships in Naviance:

There is an active list of scholarships posted in Naviance. These scholarships may be local or national. Students should check the list to see if they meet any of the scholarship criteria and use this as an additional resource in their scholarship search.



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Scholar Snapp

Common App has made it easy for applicants to access scholarship opportunities directly through their admissions application by giving you the option to connect your information with Scholar Snapp! Scholar Snapp makes it easier to apply for scholarships by allowing you to apply to multiple scholarships without having to re-enter your information each time. Instead, you can reuse your information from one application to another. Fill out one application and simply import it, or “snapp” it, to a Scholar Snapp profile to use again next time. Check out their website for the full list of providers along with Frequently Asked Questions at scholarsnapp.org.

You've been accepted to college, now what should you do?

Congratulations! Being accepted to college is the hardest part. You now need to figure out which college is the best fit for you. Looking at several different options will hopefully help you and your family to make the best decision.

1. **Celebrate!**
You have worked hard and should be proud of all that you have accomplished!
2. **Be patient and consider all of your options**
You may have been accepted to one or some of your schools, but it is best to wait until you have all of your decisions back to weigh all of your options, unless you applied Early Decision. If you applied Early Decision, you will need to submit a deposit and withdraw all of your other applications.
3. **Compare the \$\$\$**
Sometimes you will receive a financial award letter with your acceptance, but in other cases, it may come later. It is important to compare the financial details of each school. This can be done using a spreadsheet to compare the bottom lines. What initially appears as the cheapest is not always the least expensive when you consider grants and institutional scholarships.
4. **Attend an accepted students day or visit the campus again**
Visit the campus to see how it feels and if you feel like it is a good fit for you. This will also give you a chance to connect with other students who have been accepted.
5. **Research**
Do a little extra research and make a pros and cons list. Look at what students are doing who have graduated from the school, what options are available to students who are there, and the co-op/internship opportunities.
6. **Commit**
Once you have decided on your school, send in the deposit \$ and make your decision official. Remember that you have until May 1st to decide, but can make a decision prior to then as well.
7. **Keep working hard**
Getting into college is the hardest part, but you must remember to keep up your grades and keep working until the very end. You have been accepted, but your acceptance is conditional until the school receives your final transcripts.

The Counseling Office is currently accepting transcript requests. As of January 31, 2020, 2,226 transcripts have been requested by a total of 348 students.

