

Welcome to 9th Grade Parent and Student Night

Cold Spring Harbor School District – Counseling Center

October 5, 2021

AGENDA

- ▶ The High School Years
- ▶ The Counselor's Role
- ▶ Information Packet
- ▶ Academic Record and Planning
- ▶ Extracurricular Opportunities
- ▶ Q & A

“BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND”*

All 9th Grade Students and Families Should Know:

- **What** to expect over the next few years:
 - Academically
 - Outside the classroom
- **When** to expect:
 - Academic reporting
 - Activities
 - Opportunities
- **How** to prepare and participate

*Steven Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*

Counseling Center Staff

- ▶ Mrs. Hecht, Counseling Center Supervisor
- ▶ Ms. Pickering, 7th and 8th grade counselor
- ▶ Ms. Conlon, 9-12th grade counselor
- ▶ Ms. Friedland, 9-12th grade counselor
- ▶ Ms. Hannity, 9-12th grade counselor
- ▶ Mr. Woods, 9-12th grade counselor
- ▶ Ms. Groeninger, office assistant
- ▶ Ms. Mezzapesa, office assistant

The Role of the High School Counselor

Working closely with each student for four years:

Supporting, Learning, Guiding and Advising

- ▶ Our mission
 - ▶ To facilitate each student's personal, social, academic and career development
- ▶ Our objectives
 - ▶ To help students identify their interests and abilities
 - ▶ To assist students: enhance productivity, gain independence, develop self-expression and increase personal responsibility
 - ▶ To foster decision-making and conflict resolution skills to be able to participate in a global society as active and engaged citizens

9th Grade Calendar 2021-2022

Counselor's Role with 9th Grade Students

- ▶ Ongoing Academic Monitoring: Review of progress reports and report cards throughout the year
- ▶ October: Counselors meet their 9th grade students
Setting the foundation – learning about the students
- ▶ December: Program of Study Guide posted and shared; academic programming begins for grade 10
- ▶ Spring Semester and End of Year: Guidance, advisement and support
 - ▶ Summer opportunities
 - ▶ Regents and Final exams
 - ▶ Summer School registration

Academic Record: Transcripts

- ▶ **What** is on the student transcript?
 - ▶ All courses taken and grades earned
- ▶ **When** do I see it?
 - ▶ Posted to the portal annually
- ▶ **How** do I know how I'm doing?
 - ▶ Challenging but manageable

Diploma Types & Requirements

▶ **Diploma Types:**

- ▶ Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
- ▶ Regents Diploma
- ▶ Local Diploma (still available in special situations)

▶ **Requirements – Credits & Examinations**

- ▶ 22 credits (minimum) – specific subject areas
- ▶ Exams – ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies (1) plus one
- ▶ Exams – Advanced Designation, variety of options

Regents Exams

- ▶ NYS Required Exams
- ▶ Annual, based on individual student courses
- ▶ June 2021 – Only 4 exams offered (L.E., Algebra, English and Earth Science). Exemptions in offered in L.E. and Algebra
- ▶ June 2022 – Expected to return to typical exam schedule
- ▶ August 2022- Regents exams offered for students who fail or wish to receive a higher grade

GPA Calculation

- ▶ Calculation is based on all grades with the exception of physical education
- ▶ All Honors and Advanced Placement courses are weighted by a factor of 1.1
- ▶ GPAs are rounded to the hundredth (ex: 3.68)
- ▶ Accelerated courses are NOT weighted
- ▶ GPA vs. weighted GPA

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Only Honors and Advanced Placement classes are weighted

Opportunities to Explore Interests

"We are interested in the talents and interests you would bring to Princeton outside the classroom. We don't value one type of activity over another. Rather, we appreciate sustained commitment to the interests you have chosen to pursue."

- Princeton University Admissions



Study Abroad



Summer College Experiences



Dedicated Athletics



Research Opportunities



CSH Clubs & Activities



Part-Time Employment

Extracurricular Activities

▶ How Do You Like to Spend Your Time?

CSH Culture: Commitment to community service, athletics, the arts and personal endeavors

- ▶ Clubs –Visit our Canvas page!
- ▶ Athletics
- ▶ After school activities in the community
- ▶ Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts
- ▶ The Arts: Choir, Theater, Dance
- ▶ Community service – *commit to a cause!*
- ▶ Part time employment
- ▶ Keep records!



Honor Rolls & Societies

- ▶ Honor Roll (3.00 GPA) / High Honor Roll (3.66 GPA)
- ▶ **National Honor Society**
 - ▶ 20 hrs/year – community service
- ▶ **Tri-M Music Honor Society**
- ▶ **National French and Spanish Honor Society**
- ▶ **Speech & Debate Honor Society**
- ▶ **International Thespian Honor Society**
- ▶ **Art Honor Society**

SEE YOUR TEACHER or COUNSELOR FOR QUESTIONS OR DETAILS

SAT and ACT Exams

- ▶ Standardized entrance exams used by colleges for admission purposes
- ▶ All colleges accept either SAT or ACT exam
- ▶ Some colleges are test optional – www.fairtest.org
- ▶ SAT/ACT results are only part of the application package and often not the most important
- ▶ SAT – www.collegeboard.org
 - ▶ SAT special testing accommodations (844) 255-7728
- ▶ ACT – www.actstudent.org
 - ▶ ACT special testing accommodations (319) 337-1332

Developing a Testing Schedule

Most Students

- ▶ Fall 10th Grade: PSAT (optional)
- ▶ Fall 11th Grade: PSAT (required for National Merit Scholarship consideration)
- ▶ Winter – Summer 11th Grade: Take 1 SAT, 1 ACT, and either SAT/ACT a second time (3 total)
- ▶ Sept. and/or Oct. 12th Grade: Retake SAT or ACT (which ever exam is best for you)

NCAA Recruited Athletes

- ▶ Recruited athletes may want to begin this process a full year early (speak to the college coach to understand their expectations)

NCAA Information

- ▶ Core Course GPA – helps you track your NCAA GPA
- ▶ Grades and SAT/ACT scores matter!
- ▶ Understand the recruiting process for your sport
- ▶ Talk to your coaches and counselor!
- ▶ Register with the NCAA at the conclusion of 11th Grade



- ▶ Provides college and career information
 - ▶ Learn about careers
 - ▶ Explore interests
 - ▶ Manage college application material
 - ▶ Allows for CSH Counseling Center to communicate easily
 - ▶ Parents can be part of it too!

Questions & Answers



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

We hope to see you soon in the Counseling Center!!!

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