

# News from the HHS Counseling Department

March/April 2020

Grades 9, 10 and 11

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

## Naviance Log-in change:

1. Go to your portal: <https://clever.com/in/haverfordsd>
2. Log in with your Clever username and password:
  - a. Username: Google username
  - b. Password: Google password
3. Click on the Naviance icon in your portal

## College Road Trip: for all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students

The College Road Trip is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 for all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. The opportunity to visit various college campuses throughout the Philadelphia area and surrounding communities offer our students a first-hand view of a potential college or university setting while gaining insight into the undergraduate experience. Students will meet with representatives from admissions and financial aid, tour academic buildings and facilities and enjoy lunch in the campus dining hall. Participating colleges to date include Cabrini University, Delaware County Community College, Kutztown University, Muhlenberg University, Neumann University, Princeton University, University of the Arts, University of Delaware, University of the Sciences, Villanova University and Widener University.

## Post High School Planning folder: for all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students

In mid March The Counseling Department will be sharing post high school planning information with all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students via Google Drive. The shared folder is named Post High School Planning Class of 2021. The information includes a video presentation, a Post High School Planning folder and a Financial Aid and Scholarship Information folder. The post high school planning process is a collaboration between student, family and school. We are looking forward to working with you to make this a positive experience. Feel free to contact your school counselor with any questions.

## Upcoming College and Career Fairs:

Haverford High School College & Career Fair

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 6:30 – 8:00 PM Juenger Gymnasium

The College & Career Fair, sponsored by the HHS Counseling Department, is a terrific opportunity for students and families to become informed and inspired about post-graduate options. Representatives from approximately 100 private and public colleges/universities, community colleges, businesses, career technical education/trade schools, and military branches will be on hand to offer valuable information on the college admissions process, jobs and internships, financial aid and much more. A list of participants will be publicized in the coming weeks ahead.

## Main Line Regional College Fair (two events)

- Monday, March 23, 2020 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, King of Prussia, PA 19406
- Thursday, May 21, 2020 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Villanova University, 800 E. Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, PA 19085
- Please register for a barcode at [www.StriveFair.com](http://www.StriveFair.com) prior to attending either Main Line Regional College Fair. Show your barcode to colleges who will scan it to send you more information about their schools. The day after the fair, you will receive a report with information about each college with whom you scanned.



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If you are an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student planning to attend a post high school institution, you should register for one of the Spring testing dates (SAT and/or ACT), if you have not already done so.

## Upcoming SAT dates:

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

March 14, 2020 (at HHS)

May 2, 2020 (at HHS)

June 6, 2020

## Upcoming ACT dates:

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

April 4, 2020

June 13, 2020



## Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy:

Sign up at [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org). The practice is free, individualized and includes:

- Interactive problems and instant feedback
- Video lessons
- Full-length practice tests
- Personalized study plan
- Big results – 20 hours of practice was associated with an average of 115 point increase from the PSAT to the SAT.

## Creating good study and work habits now will help you to be more successful:

As you are progressing through second semester, this may be the time to look for new ways to change your study habits and improve your grades. If you are struggling to keep up with a class or are falling behind, here are some things you can do to help improve your grades and work habits. Please remember to reach out to your teacher or counselor if you have any questions or you need some support.

1. Create a homework schedule and a process for reviewing what you need to complete for each class. Block out a time after school and eliminate distractions.
2. Find a new place to complete homework. Maybe visit the HHS Library or the Haverford Township Library after school to find a quiet place to get work done.
3. Develop and vary your study methods. You can review study guides, complete practice problems, create flashcards or create a quizlet.
4. Organize a list of what you need to accomplish each day and cross off each item as you complete it.
5. Attend a session in the math center or writing center for extra help. These services are offered every week and give you an opportunity to get some help in a smaller setting.

The Math Center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 pm in room 337

The Writing Center is open on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 pm in the Library

6. Ask your teacher if you can meet with them outside of your regular class time. Some teachers will meet with students before school, after school, during homeroom or during lunch. Touch base with your teacher and see when they are available to meet.

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**Graduation Requirements:** Twenty-six and a half (26.5) credits are required for graduation.

English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
Science	4.0
Arts and Humanities	2.0
Physical Education and Health	1.5
Electives	7.0

## **Grade Point Average (GPA):**

Grade Point Average or GPA is calculated each semester as classes are completed. Each final course letter grade is assigned a point value. The unweighted GPA is calculated by taking the credit for the class and multiplying it by the point value assigned to the letter grade. Then, add up all of the multiplied values and divide by the total number of credits.

Classes taken at the honors or AP level have a different point value (unweighted point value x 1.25 = weighted point value). Students who take honors and AP classes will have a weighted GPA that differs from the unweighted GPA. There are no points awarded to classes that are taken Pass/Fail.

