GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

Winter 2019



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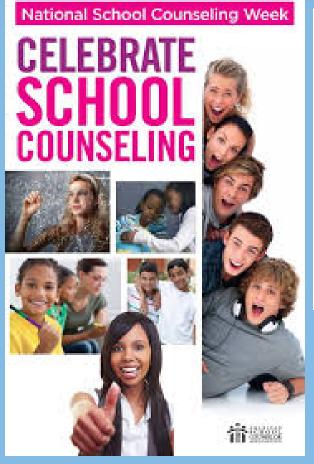
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A big
THANK YOU
to our amazing
school
counselors:

Mrs. Frisbie
Ms. Jaccodine
Mrs. Koch
Mrs. Lembo
Mrs. Walton

HP celebrates
School
Counseling
Week
February 4-8,

Scheduling Procedures for 2019-2020

Scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year will be done online again this year using the Genesis parent portal. The portal will open to all students on 1/30/19 and will close on 2/12/19. It is important for all students to request courses as soon as possible to ensure they get the classes they wish to take next year.

Information and directions on how to choose courses has been emailed to all students and is available on our website or by clicking **here**.

Any questions on scheduling courses should be directed to your child's school counselor.

SAT TEST DATES 2018-2019

Test Date	TEST	Regular Registration	Late Registration
March 9	SAT	February 8	February 27
May 4	SAT & Subject	April 5	April 24
June 1	SAT & Subject	May 3	May 22

ACT TEST DATES 2018-2019

Test Date	Regular	Late	Score
	Registration	Registration	Release
Feb. 9	Jan. 11	Jan. 12-18	Feb 20-April 5
April 13	March 8	March 9-25	April 23-June 7
June 8	May 3	May 4-20	June 18-Aug 7

High Point Regional School Code #311440

- Register for the SAT click HERE.
- Register for the ACT click HERE

High Point will be a testing center for the March 9th SAT test.

FAFSA INFORMATION

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications are now available online.

College financial aid deadlines are quickly approaching.

For help visit fafsa.gov.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation is a program offered in which organized, adult-supervised and alcohol-free activities are offered for graduating seniors the night of graduation. The event will be a safe and fun-filled night for our 2019 graduates.



If you can donate to help make this event possible, please contact Mr. Blevins.

973-875-3101 X1250

Junior College Planning Night

March 19, 2019 7:00 pm

High Point Regional Auditorium

For all Junior college bound students & their parents.

Topics:

Naviance

College Admissions

Majors/Careers

Scholarships







Sign up now for...

High Point's

WINTER SAT PREP COURSE



Tuesday afternoons from 2:45-5:45 @ High Point: February 5, 12, 19, 26 & March 5

**SAT's will be hosted @ High Point on Saturday, March 9, 2019

- Cost: \$40.00
- Open to all HP Students
- Late Bus will be Available
- Experienced SAT Instructors
- Designed to Prepare Students for the March 2019 SAT's
- Registration: Forms are in Guidance;
 Or email: scampbell@hpregional.org

Great Staff + Khan Academy = Higher Scores



High Point sends out a big "Thank You" to all who participated in **Fill the Bus** 2018!

We collected 5,222 lbs of food for the Sussex County Division of Social Services.

This is our ninth year participating and we couldn't do it without the support of our amazing staff & students!



NJ STARS PROGRAM

NJ STARS I will remain in place for 2019 high school grads! The top 15% of High Point grads will be eligible for tuition scholarships at Sussex County Community College. Students will have to cover the costs of fees.

NJ Stars II students who successfully complete their Associates degree through the STARS Program may be eligible for up to \$2,500 each year at most New Jersey colleges for their Junior and Senior years. Please visit njstars.net for more information.

Please join us for the next
Parent Advisory
Committee Meetings

January 31 & March 21, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Media Center

All are welcome to attend.

Please call X1213 for more info

Local Scholarships for Seniors

High Point Regional High School is very fortunate to have over \$70,000.00 in scholarship awards donated by various local organizations and families. In order to be considered for selection, a senior must complete the local scholarship application and return it to the guidance office by **February 15, 2019**. No exceptions will be made.



Seniors will be given an overview of the application during an English class. Applications are available at the High Point website (www.hpregional.org) using the following procedure:

From the main page, go to "Academics", "Guidance", "Scholarship Information" then click on Local Scholarship Application. Students need to "make a copy", "Save As" into their Google drive, and then print it out when complete. They will need to sign it by hand. All other portions of the application should be typed.

Important note: Many local organizations who offer scholarships use separate applications. It is each student's responsibility to regularly monitor **Naviance** where scholarship applications are posted. Log into your account, click the **colleges** tab and the <u>scholarship list</u> link. See your counselor if you need any assistance.

Naviance - Career and College Planning Tool

The Guidance Department subscribes to a comprehensive career and college planning program that students can access from any computer via the internet. The program, called Naviance, is an easy-to-use program that ties together the following aspects of career planning:

<u>Personal assessments:</u> Students take inventories that assess their personal characteristics. The program analyzes their responses and suggests career choices.

<u>Occupational information:</u> Students can research occupations directly from their inventory results, search for ideas based on job characteristics, or they can look up any career area they would like additional information about.

<u>Training and College</u>: Students can learn about a wide range of educational opportunities available after high school. Certificate programs, technical schools, two and four-year colleges, as well as graduate programs are featured in connection with the jobs they prepare students for.

Scholarship information: All scholarship applications received in the guidance office are posted on the Naviance site. This is the source for High Point scholarship information.

ATTENTION PARENTS: The guidance department also uses Naviance as a method of communication to students and parents. Emails are sent with important reminders about college planning and \$cholarship\$.

Please contact your child's guidance counselor with your email address so that we can keep you up-to-date with all this important information!

FOR FRESHMEN ONLY

When should I start planning for my child's higher education? NOW!!! It is never too early to start considering your child's plans and goals for after high school. Here are some key areas you can start considering now.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING:

The SAT and ACT are standardized tests designed to predict a student's potential for success in college. Although colleges also consider other factors in their review process, these test scores are still used as a screening device when determining a student's fit for their institution.

The PSAT is a precursor to the SAT. This test is designed to help underclassmen gain experience in this test taking format, as well as to give them and their parents an idea of their current aptitude. We administer this test to all students in grades 9, 10, and 11.

The SAT and ACT are usually taken in the spring of a student's junior year and then again in the fall of their senior year. We are an approved SAT site and offer this test two times a year.

There are several SAT preparation options for students to consider once they are upperclassmen. We offer a Saturday course available to students through our Adult Education Program. There are other courses also available through various private prep programs, as well as on line services, both free and for a fee. Lastly, there are prep books available at bookstores and libraries.

THE COLLEGE SEARCH:

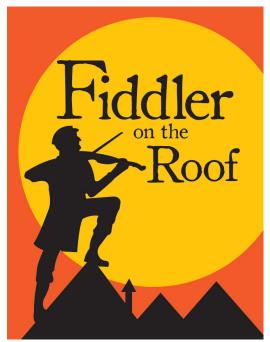
During your child's freshman year, the guidance department will introduce the students to the Naviance Program. This interactive and informative service provides our students with many opportunities for academic, college, and career exploration. They will be led through an activity to discover their own learning styles and match study strategies with those styles. As sophomores, they will have the opportunity to complete a detailed interest inventory that will determine possible vocational options that match their interests. As juniors, students are encouraged to start using this site to research college options. By logging in their preferences in areas such as size, location, price, and available majors, students will be able to narrow college choices. All students are encouraged to explore the Naviance scholarship tab that lists many opportunities to supplement college funding. You may use your child's log in, or request your own, to access this service and have your child complete this interest inventory.

To further assist you in the college search process, High Point runs *Junior Planning Night* in the spring, and *Senior Application Night* in the fall, both offer information to provide a well rounded and valuable experience for our students and their parents. In addition, students can log on to collegeboard.org for further college search options. Although many of the steps outlined above are geared to upperclassmen, having an idea of some of the things you can start to consider now, as well as a plan as to when it is appropriate to embark on each new step, can increase awareness and decrease anxiety as you begin this incredible new journey with your child.

High Point Theatre is proud to present ...

Fiddler on the Roof

March 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. March 31 at 2 p.m.



\$15 Adults \$12 Students, Children & Seniors

Senior Citizens are free on Sunday. All seating is reserved. For reservations click here.

Tickets available starting Feb. 16th.

High Point is always seeking new scholarship donors to assist our senior class as they prepare for their future endeavors. Interested individuals should contact the guidance office at X1280.

Attention Senior Parents:

Although we have been processing college applications for many of our seniors, there are still some seniors that are undecided and have not applied to any schools. We encourage you to discuss next year's plans with your child. Please feel free to contact his or her guidance counselor with any questions.

Junior To-Do List

- 1. SAT/ACT-Be sure to take the SAT by June if you plan to attend a two or four year college.
 - -Register at collegeboard.org
 - -Consider taking the ACT as well. Register at actstudent.org.
 - -Plan to take the SAT and/or ACT again in August, October or November of senior year.
- 2. Do several detailed college searches using Naviance & College Board. Visit websites of colleges that interest you.
- 3. Start visiting colleges. The sooner, the better! Plan for spring open houses this year.
- 4. Prepare a list of schools that meet your needs.