

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

The second semester started on Tuesday, January 21. Check ASPEN for your grades for the 1st semester.

Local Scholarships

[Local Scholarships](#) are now available. Free Money! Check back frequently. More postings will be added.

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is open for senior families to begin filling out. As a reminder, filling out the FAFSA or a waiver is a graduation requirement this year. Please see the [letter](#) that was sent from Juliana Scricco on November 1 for more information.

Attendance

Attendance is an important part of school. Please be aware that 12 unexcused absences in a full-year course and 6 unexcused absences in a half-year course result in loss of credit for the class. Additionally, 3 tardies to class will result in 1 unexcused absence. Losing credit in classes will result in students needing to complete credit restoration. Please review our [attendance policy](#).

RVCC Application sessions

Cathy Bielat, the Enrollment Coach from RVCC will be here at North on **Thursday, February 20, 2025**, she will be here for the Application Session. **This session is open to seniors ONLY**. The meetings will be in the **Media Center from 9:43-10:38 on both days**. If you are interested please bring a **transcript release** form to Ms. Fisher **before** the dates. **You must bring your Chromebooks to both sessions**.

During the Application session:

- Have a pdf of your test scores, so that you can submit them to Ms. Bielat for Math and English placement
- Cathy will walk you through the RVCC application
- There is NO application fee.
- By the end of the session, each student will have submitted their application.
- Students can expect to receive their Student ID (G#) Numbers by email within 72 hours by checking their student portal. How to do this will be explained during the sessions
- Each participant who applies on 2/20 will receive an RVCC goodie bag.

Below are the links to the RVCC programs:

If you are interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity, please fill out a transcript release form and hand it to Ms. Fisher in the Counseling Department. She will sign you up for the session(s).

Academic Programs: <https://www.raritanval.edu/academic-programs>

Career Training Programs: <https://www.raritanval.edu/career-training>

Local Resources

Youth Art Bereavement Group: Hunterdon Hospice is providing this 10-week program for youth (Kindergarten-12th grade) & parents/guardians. This program is designed to help youth/families to express grief in age-appropriate groups using the medium of art. **Parents/guardians will attend an adult group that runs simultaneously to the youth groups.** Parents will learn about children's perceptions of loss while having the opportunity to process their own grief. Group will be held on **Wednesdays** from **6:30pm-8pm**, from **2/5 - 4/9** in Flemington. Families **do not** need to reside in Hunterdon County, as **all** youth/parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Flyer: [Youth Art Bereavement Group](#)

Love Shouldn't Hurt: Empower Somerset will be hosting this free virtual event for middle/high school students & their parents about Healthy Relationships, on **2/13** from **6pm-7:30pm**. Event will include information on warning signs of unhealthy relationships including physical, sexual, emotional, verbal abuse, manipulation & control & digital abuse. [Link to flyer here.](#)

Transition to College Event at RVCC

Raritan Valley Community College's *Center for Accessibility and Inclusive Education* is hosting a **Transition To College Event** on March 11, 2025, from 10 am-12 pm.

This event is aimed towards guiding high school seniors through transitioning their IEPs or 504 plans to *Academic Accommodations* at the post-secondary level. Students will also receive information on enrollment, helpful success strategies, and take a campus tour.

You can register for the event here: [Events \(salesforce-sites.com\)](#)

Shadowing Opportunities at Hunterdon Healthcare

Hunterdon Health offers shadowing opportunities for anyone age sixteen (16) or older to acquire clinical and non-clinical educational experiences.

Shadowing positions are for no more than eight (8) hours in each setting and are non-paid opportunities. During their time shadowing, shadows cannot enter isolation rooms and will be unable to provide any hands-on care. This is strictly an opportunity for observation.

For more information, please use this [link](#)

Tutoring

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees district is once again offering free, 24/7 tutoring services to students. This includes tutoring for [100+ subjects](#), including AP®; a drop-off writing review; practice quizzes for math, science, and ELA; and test prep for the SAT and ACT. Go to [tutor.nhvweb.net](#) to access the service.

More information about the service and how to access it is attached below.

[NHV Tutoring Startup Guide.pdf](#)

College Application Process

As a reminder, the transcript release form needs to be handed into your counselor at least 10 school days before the deadline. If you have upcoming deadlines in the new year, make sure you hand in your transcript release form.

On September 10th and 11th, we presented the college and SCOIR information during English classes. Please ask your student about the [presentation](#) and follow up with your counselor if you have any questions.

Many colleges also require the [Self Reported Academic Record, SRAR/SSAR](#). This is an additional step in the application process. Please check your email/student portal after applying to see if this is a requirement.

Many resources can be found on the North Hunterdon Guidance Website and visit frequently - <https://www.nhvweb.net/guidance/>

If you are looking to enter **Community Service hours in Aspen** and are unsure how to enter these hours into ASPEN, visit the community service website- <https://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/communityservice/logging-hours>

For more information on jobs, volunteer opportunities, summer programs, community information nights, and more, please follow this [link](#).

Have a great week!