

High School Guidance News

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HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS CLIFF NOTES:

- ★ **Financial Aid Night** for current senior parents will be held on **Wednesday, October 16, 2024**, 6:30pm - 8pm with guest speaker Bonnie Behm from Villanova University (Location is TBD - might be a virtual session - more info to come)
- ★ **PSAT** (will be 100% digital this year) will be given to all 10th and 11th Graders during the day on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024**. No need to sign up! More info to come.
- ★ If your child is taking an **AP Exam** - please view the registration form [HERE](#). Due date to register is November 1, 2024.
- ★ **Scholarships** will be listed in Google Classroom 2025 under CLASSWORK - we will also be updating the [Scholarship Master List](#) throughout the school year!
- ★ Did you know that **College Admissions Representatives** will be visiting Jenkintown this fall? See the full list of colleges [HERE](#). Students must register within their SCOIR account.

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- ☐ **College Admission Rep Visits to Jenkintown - Information for students**: Dates and colleges vary (see the full list [HERE](#)) - these are **student-only sessions** - students must register in their SCOIR Account. College Admissions Representatives from near and far, come to visit with Jenkintown students. Make sure to check back often as new college visits are being scheduled daily. *I hope students will take advantage of this wonderful program!!*

Meeting with a college admissions officer can be quite beneficial for a student for several reasons:

1. **Personal Connection:** It provides an opportunity for students to make a personal impression on the admissions team. This can be especially useful if the college uses a holistic admissions process where factors beyond grades and test scores are considered.
2. **Clarifying Questions:** Students can get answers to specific questions about the college's programs, culture, campus life, or application process. This helps in making an informed decision about whether the college is the right fit.
3. **Application Insights:** Admissions officers can provide guidance on how to strengthen an application, including tips on what the college values in applicants and how to present oneself effectively.
4. **Demonstrated Interest:** Meeting with an admissions officer can signal to the college that a student is genuinely interested. Some colleges consider demonstrated interest as a factor in their decision-making process. These are the people who may also read the application!
5. **Customized Advice:** Every college has its own unique criteria and culture. Meeting with an officer allows students to receive tailored advice that's specific to that institution.

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- ☐ **Juniors are welcome to visit with college admissions representatives** that will be visiting Jenkintown this fall. Read the info above about the College Visits.

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