

High School Guidance News

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Guidance Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/jtowndrakes.org/jenkintown-hs-guidance/>

Guidance Parent Newsletter Archive: [HERE](#)

If you missed Financial Aid Night:

Financial Aid Folders full of important information are available in guidance for students to pick up.

[Financial Aid Presentation](#)

[PA Student Aid Guide 2025-26](#)

[Jenkintown Financial Aid Flyer](#) to hang on your refrigerator

[Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet](#)

[Scholarship Master List](#)

[Jenkintown Guidance Scholarship Website](#)

[Jenkintown Guidance Financial Aid Website](#)

[CSS Profile](#) - Students should check their college websites to review deadlines (Early Action deadlines are coming up)

[FAFSA](#) - available in December

If your student is taking an AP Class - AP Exam registration and payment are due to Ms. Kafkalas by 11/1.

[Jenkintown Guidance AP Information Website](#)

Have a student interested in learning a trade? EASTERN Center for Arts and Technology will be visiting the entire 10th grade and interested 11th Grade students on **Thursday, Nov 7, 2024 during the school day**.

Interested 11th grade students should see Ms. Kafkalas to sign up for the visit. The Eastern Field Trip will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Field Trip Forms are available [HERE](#) - they are due to Ms. Kafkalas by November 22, 2024.

[Eastern Programs](#)

[Eastern Brochures](#)

[Dual Enrollment Opportunities for Eastern Students](#)

College Representatives are STILL visiting Jenkintown students:

We still have quite a few visits left this year!! Check out the schedule [HERE](#)

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.