

High School Guidance News

Junior & Senior Class News

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SENIOR NEWS – CLASS OF 2025

1. **SENIOR PARENTS—> FAFSA IS NOW OPEN!!**

START HERE →GREAT RESOURCE→Follow [THESE](#) 8 Steps for Parents Completing the 2025–26 FAFSA® Form

1. Create an account and gather documents.
2. Start the FAFSA form at Studentaid.gov
3. Complete the “Student Personal Circumstances” section.
4. Provide Consent and Approval.
5. Complete the “Parent Demographics” section.
6. Complete the “Parent Fiscals” section.
7. Sign the FAFSA Form
8. Have your child provide their information, consent and approval, and a signature

[How Do I know which parent/guardian information to include on the FAFSA?](#)

[Create your FSA ID \(both Parent and Student need an account\)](#)

[FAFSA 2025-2026 Form](#)

[Already completed the FAFSA → Learn about what the Student Aid Index \(SAI\)](#)

2. **Do you have a senior son/daughter who is looking to add a college class to their Spring schedule?** Are they possibly interested in being an elementary school teacher? Are they curious about early childhood education? Shippensburg University is offering a **FREE online 3-credit college class** to anyone who is interested in learning about Early Childhood Education. The class will start in mid-January and will run for about 15 weeks. The course being offered is: **Becoming an Early Childhood Professional** - you can read about the course [HERE](#). This class is FREE and will be online - if interested - please let Ms. Kafkalas know. To see the flyer - click [HERE](#).
3. **SENIORS! Need help keep track of your Merit Scholarships? *Did you know that you will need to report all of your scholarships and grants to Ms. Kafkalas in May 2025?*** Did you get a MERIT SCHOLARSHIP when you were accepted to your college or university?? Or did you get your Financial Aid Award Letter??
- To help you keep track of your scholarships and to keep you organized - USE THE GOOGLE DOC POSTED IN CLASSWORK (listed under Jtown Scholarship App/Grad Form/Exit Survey). You will need this information later in the year. An assignment was created where you were given a copy of the Scholarships/Grants - DATA COLLECTION - Google Form. Use this every time you are awarded a scholarship from your college/university.
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JUNIOR NEWS – CLASS OF 2026

1. GUIDANCE WORKSHOPS

★ JUNIOR WORKSHOPS (*workshops are for students only and are during the school day*)

- **1st Workshop (DEC) (COMPLETED):** Intro to Workshops & College Admissions Testing, Review of PSAT Scores
- **2nd Workshop (JAN):** Career Interest Inventory - Majors - Careers
- **3rd Workshop (FEB) :** Post-High School Planning, SCOIR, College/Career Searches
- **4th Workshop (MARCH):** Resume/Common Application Activities Worksheet
- **5th Workshop (APRIL):** The College Essay
- **6th Workshop (APRIL):** The Junior/Senior Checklist/NCAA/Social Media
- May Junior Sessions: May 29 & 30 - Topics TBD

2. INDIVIDUAL GROWTH PLAN (IGP) MEETINGS SCHEDULE: If you are a planner - schedule your meeting today! December/January: **JUNIORS** - Class of 2026 —> **Don't forget to schedule your Meeting!!**

- The purpose of the IGP is to maintain an ongoing record of a student's progress from 7th through 12th grade.
- **Some of the main component areas include: Course selection, Transition activities and career development, Standardized testing, Transcript Review and Post High School Planning, and Post-Secondary Educational Planning**
- Annual meetings are held with individual student *and* parents to review and plan for individual progress. Since course selection is right around the corner (February 2025), this is a perfect time to meet with your child's counselor.
- The IGP meeting is conducted with **at least one parent and the student** and is done during the school day. Meetings start as early as 7:15am and the last meeting of the day is 2:30pm. **To schedule a conference with Ms. Kafkalas, please email her at kafkalac@jtowndrakes.org.** Conferences will be scheduled in 45-minute intervals. I look forward to working together with you on behalf of your child.
*****Please note that early morning meetings are very limited.***

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***ATTENTION JUNIORS & SENIORS
WANT TO TAKE A FREE COLLEGE CLASS
SECOND SEMESTER?***



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING AN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL TEACHER?**

--OR--

**ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT THE
TEACHING PROFESSION?**



**SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY
IS OFFERING
A FREE ON-LINE COLLEGE CLASS NEXT
SEMESTER CALLED:
*BECOMING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL***

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SEE MS. KAFKALAS IF
YOU ARE INTERESTED
OR FILL OUT THIS FORM**

