

Good Afternoon Parents of the Class of 2025,

As we begin the second half of first semester, the Guidance and Counseling Team would like to share an update about what your student has been doing in conjunction with our department as well as provide you with a glimpse of what is coming up.

What's Happened?

- **College Essay Assignment:** In collaboration with our English Department, your student was assigned to pick an essay prompt that they can use for their college applications and complete at least one draft. This assignment allows your student to complete a vital task in the college application process with support and feedback from their current English teacher.
- **Senior College Meeting:** The College Counseling Team covered the college application timeline and process. If you couldn't attend, you can review the Powerpoint Presentation here: [PDF Powerpoint](#)
- **Individual Meetings:** Your student has met one-on-one with his/her assigned College Counselor (Mrs. Carrie Egan). In this meeting, your student discussed their post-secondary plans, pathways toward their goals, customized a timeline and checklist of what students/families can do next, and how the College Counseling Team will support them along the way.
- **Sainted at Hill-Murray:** The Guidance and Counseling Team is leading a new initiative called, "Sainted at Hill-Murray." The purpose of this initiative is to recognize and celebrate all of the acts of kindness that take place within our school and community by our STUDENTS. Click [HERE](#) to read about the students that have been recognized this year!

What's Coming Up?

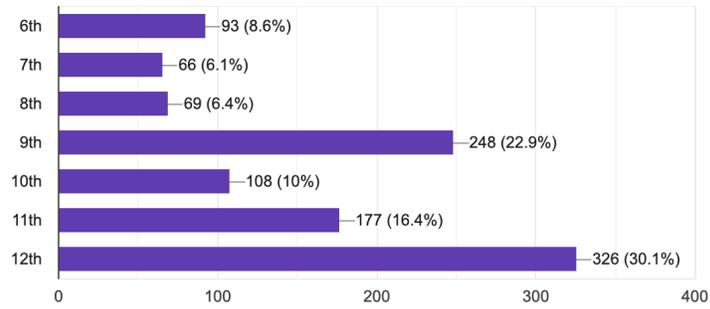
- **FAFSA Workshop:** Led by College Counselor, Mrs. Carrie Egan, this workshop is for parents and students who are looking for assistance in completing this required step in the college planning process. Date: Saturday, December 14 (9:00am-11:00am) in the Faculty/Staff Lounge.
- **Scholarship Searches:** The College Counseling Team will be adding any local scholarships we receive to the spreadsheet [HERE](#) (also located in Naviance). Please know that scholarship information typically begins picking up between the months of November-March.
- **Gratitude Cards:** During Pioneer Period in late spring, your student will select an H-M teacher/staff member and hand-write a thank you card for the impact and influence they have made on them.
- **Healthy Relationships Presentation:** During WIN Time in the spring, the entire 12th grade class will meet in the Auditorium to engage and learn from experts in the areas of healthy relationships and sexual assault awareness/prevention.

Guidance and Counseling: By the Numbers

*****The graphs below represents the data collected from students that visit the Guidance and Counseling Office (as of Friday, Nov. 1)*****

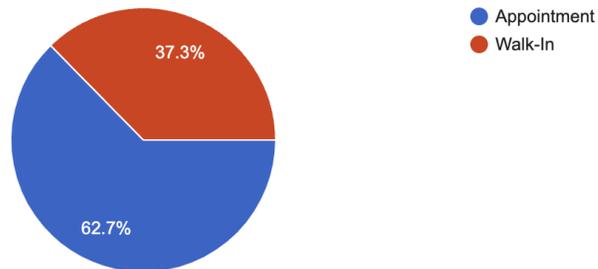
Visits by Grade:

1,082 responses



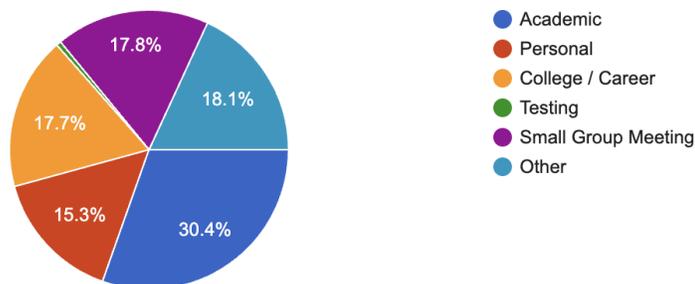
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As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your assigned Counselor listed below. We look forward to partnering with you to continue serving the needs of your student!

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