

Thursday's Thoughts Thursday, January 21, 2021

Good evening Highland High School families, this is Mr. Zack and here are your Thursday's Thoughts for January 21, 2021. There are 7 items of interest to follow. I am targeting 2 minutes of time with these from here on out, so if you miss any part of the message, please visit the Highland High School webpage on our Live Feed where there is a link to view this in its entirety as well as a link having been emailed to your primary email account.

1. Seniors - very important - especially those of you who have passed the ASVAB test. You need to be sure to turn in your graduation pathway form. These have been sent to you earlier in the year and have been sent to your school email address again from Mr. Belli. This form is required to use the ASVAB as an alternate test to the ISTEP+. If you do not return that completed form, you will have to come in and take the ISTEP+ test again. Mom's and Dad's please check with your kiddos to be sure that they have accomplished this vital step.
2. Important upcoming dates regarding testing and eLearning:
 - a. Tuesday, January 26th - eLearning date - PSAT testing for all 9th grade students and those in 10th and 11th who were unable to take the test in the fall. This is the last date for the PSAT test this school year.
 - b. Wednesday, February 3rd - eLearning date - ISTEP+ Math testing for all 11th grade students, and those 12th grade students who did not pass the ISTEP+ test. Those seniors who took the test in the fall will know the week of January 25th your results and if you need to come in to test on this date.
 - c. Wednesday, February 10th - eLearning date - ISTEP+ ELA testing for all 11th grade students and those 12th grade students who did not pass the ISTEP+ test. Those seniors who took the test in the fall will know the week of January 25th your results and if you need to come in to test on this date.
 - d. Juniors - there will be information in your Main Office Google Classroom regarding ISTEP+ practice test information. Seniors, you have already participated in your practice test in the fall and are exempt from the practice test again.
3. It's hard to believe but it is time to start the scheduling process for the 2021-22 school year!
 - a. Scheduling information is available online . You should have received an email on how to access this information on Tuesday.
 - b. For planning purposes, the Class of 2022 will schedule between January 25th and February 5th with specific information being available on January 20th. The Class of 2023 & 2024 will schedule between February 8th and February 19th with specific information being available on February 1st. The Class of 2025 will schedule between February 22nd and March 5th with specific information being available on February 16th. All students will have the opportunity to schedule a virtual appointment with their counselor during these times should they wish.
4. **College Board Big Future Days**

College Board is hosting virtual events for high school students to connect directly with college admissions representatives and take action on the most important steps for college. Students will be able to:

- Explore colleges in a way that's not overwhelming, and show them you're interested.
- Take action on key college planning steps like searching for colleges and exploring careers and majors.
- Listen, learn, and participate in live Q&A and online chat with admissions representatives and current students who have been through it all.
- Download college planning resources, and drop in with questions for a college adviser.

Students can register for any event, *including more than one!*

Attend all or part of each event!

BigFuture Days West + Southwest: Saturday, February 6 (3:00 to 7:00)

BigFuture Days Southeast: Tuesday, February 23 (4:00 to 8:00)

BigFuture Days Northeast: Sunday, March 7 (3:00 to 7:00)

BigFuture Days Midwest: Thursday, March 11 (4:00 to 8:00)

Don't forget to register! [FIND MORE INFORMATION HERE!](#)

5. Hammond Area Career Center VIRTUAL Open House

WEDNESDAY, February 10 (5:00 to 8:00): Students AND Parents Are Welcome! Learn more about programs of interest across a variety of career choices!

Log On To: <https://sites.google.com/hammond.k12.in.us/accopenhouse/home>

6. Indiana University Northwest Virtual Academic Fair!

Friday, January 29 @ 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Join IUN staff for a fun event designed to answer your questions about college majors and today's top careers. IU Northwest professors and academic advisors will share crucial information about the most in-demand jobs, their salary ranges, and the educational paths that might be right for you.

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE by clicking here:

<https://www.iun.edu/admissions/news-events/index.htm>

A Zoom link will be sent upon registration

7. Please remember to mask up, have the mask cover your mouth and nose at all times when wearing it, watch your distance, and wash your hands frequently. Together we can defeat and decrease the cases of COVID and get our topsy-turvy world back to “normal”.

That concludes our Thursday’s Thoughts, thanks for listening, be safe, be well, and we will see you soon.