

Counseling News & Notes

Fall 2024

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!

Below are some notes and updates to keep you informed about happenings and upcoming events in the school counseling department of the Middle/High School.

Challenge Program



Congratulations to the following students for earning \$200 through the Challenge Program's incentive program! The award assembly took place on September 17th.

Academic Excellence-Ellie Dietrich (Junior), Anthony Magness (Senior)

STEM-Noah Sarver (Junior), Kaitlin Richko (Senior)

Attendance-Benjamin Kaufmann (Junior), Daishunn Farquharson (Senior)

Community Service-Shannon Zawislak (Junior), Gianna Sisco (Senior)

Academic Improvement-Tia Yellock (Junior), Maxine Davis (Senior)

Skilled Trade Program

Congratulations to the following students who earned a spot in CCAC's Skills Trade Program, funded by Metallica Scholars Initiative.

Chayce Lane-9th grade
Roman Roppa-9th grade
Xander Starr-9th grade

They will get hands-on experience in Electrical, HVAC, Solar Power, CDL, and Welding fields.



Upcoming Field Trips!

October 22, 2024

**8th Grade Field Trip to
CCBC Dome**

8th grade students will travel to the CCBC dome to learn more about careers in the

STEM fields. They will have an opportunity to speak with vendors representing different careers in the local area, participate in a Q&A session, and tour CCBC. Please return permission slips to Mrs. Mouas by October 18th!!



October 24, 2024 New Brighton HS College and Career Fair

Seniors and Juniors are invited to attend a College and Career Fair being held at New Brighton on October 24th. Please see Mrs. Mouas for permission slips.

November 1, 2024 "Build On '24" Careers in the Building and Construction Industry

All HS students are invited to come on a field trip to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh to learn more about the building trades. Seats are limited. The first 35 students who turn in permission slips will be

taken. Please see Mrs. Mouas for permission slips.

November 26, 2024

BCCTC Tour

Sophomores interested in attending the Beaver County Career and Technology Center will have an opportunity to tour the facility on November 26th. Freshman who are interested in Cosmetology can visit as well. Vince Gratterer from BCCTC will hold information sessions in 10th grade English classrooms on October 29th.

February 14, 2024

CCBC AIM Fridays

Sophomores and juniors interested in attending any of the CCBC Academies as well as any seniors interested in learning more about CCBC admissions and programs, can visit CCBC on February 14th.

Future Testing Dates

PSAT, October 23

All 11th grade students and select 9th and 10th grade students will be administered the PSAT free of cost.

Winter Keystones

December 4 & 5, Biology
December 9 & 10, Algebra
December 12 & 13, Literature
Emails and letters will be sent to participating students at a later date.

Important Senior Information



FAFSA Form

Seniors who are planning on attending college need to fill out the FAFSA form to be eligible for various forms of financial aid. The FAFSA form will be available to be filled out by December 1st.

In the meantime, students can create their FAFSA ID. The FAFSA ID can take up to 4 days to generate. Information was given to the students in English 12 classes by Mrs. Mouas.

More financial aid materials are available in Mrs. Mouas's office.

A representative from PHEAA will be visiting Rochester at a later date to help students and parents fill out the FAFSA. More information about this event will be given in the near future.

Volunteer and Job Shadowing Opportunities

Seniors can check out the English 12 Google classroom for various opportunities for job shadowing and volunteer hours.

Don't wait to get your hours!
Act today!

Scholarship and Transcripts

Scholarships are posted in the English 12 Google classroom as well as the school website. They are updated as scholarship information is received. Please see the link here.

[Scholarships](#)

To send your transcripts to a college, please click transcript request link below and click on "[Transcript Request Form](#)."

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Mr. Damon says, "You need to do your best on your Keystone & PSSA tests!"

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