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High School Guidance News

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

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Ever feel lost or feel like you missed out on important information - please visit the <u>Guidance Website</u> - your one-stop shop for all things School Counseling Related. :0)

SENIOR SPECIFIC NEWS

- **ARTICLE:** Navigating the "Second Look": A Parent's Guide to Accepted Students Day: Read HERE.
- **★ SCHOLARSHIP ALERT:** College Scholarships for Women in STEM Majors more information HERE.
- **★ SCHOLARSHIP ALERT:** Scholarships are still being posted in Google Classroom Class of 2024 keep checking weekly for new scholarships.
- ★ ARTICLE: How to Write a Financial Aid Award Appeal Letter (with examples) HERE

JUNIOR SPECIFIC NEWS

- ★ IMPORTANT → Attention students who are interested in taking a COLLEGE CLASS NEXT YEAR → Arcadia University will be here on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024 2:40pm start time in the High School Library → for an Information Session on Dual Enrollment at Arcadia University. This event is open to students AND parents. If you are a parent and you are interested in attending, please email Ms. Kafkalas to register.
- ★ ARTICLE: Tips for Your Campus Visit: Confessions From a Former College Tour Guide: Read HERE.
- ★ JUNIOR GUIDANCE WORKSHOPS (Workshops are for the students and held during the school day)
 - 1st Workshop Thursday, Nov 30, 202 (COMPLETED): Intro to Workshops & College Admissions Testing -Review of PSAT Scores and more
 - o 2nd Workshop Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 (COMPLETED): Career Interest Inventory Majors Careers
 - 3rd Workshop Wednesday, January 31, 2024 (COMPLETED): Scoir Principles YOU Assessment,
 College/Career Search
 - 4th Workshop Wednesday, February 21st, 2024: (COMPLETED): Post-High School Planning Options, Resources for College/Major Searches
 - 5th Workshop Wednesday, March 6th, 2024: (COMPLETED): Resume/Common Application Activities
 Worksheet
 - o NEXT UP →6th Workshop Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024: The College Essay/The Personal Statement
 - o 7th Workshop Wednesday, April 17th, 2024: The Junior/Senior Checklist/NCAA/Social Media
 - May 30th and 31st Junior Work Sessions: The Common Application Account Creation, Junior/Senior Checklist
 Work Session, Senior Panel/College Advice, Personal Statement/College Essay Brainstorming, and more

★ COLLEGE FAIRS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

- Hatboro Horsham Spring College Fair AND Job Fair (including community service opportunities)
 - March 21st, 2024, 6:30pm to 8pm
 - **Spring College Fair (Main Gym):** Representatives from 75 colleges, universities, military branches and trade schools will be here to speak to students and families about their schools and programs. List of colleges HERE.

■ Student Opportunities Fair (Auxiliary Gym): Representatives from local companies looking for seasonal or full-time employees, community service organizations seeking volunteers, internship and apprenticeship programs, college/career readiness opportunities, and summer/enrichment programs are all excited to connect with students about their opportunities for summer and beyond. List of organizations HERE.

Main Line Regional College Fair

- Villanova University; Radnor, PA Wednesday, May 22nd; 6:00-8:30 PM
- Click <u>HERE</u> for more information

• Neumann University College Fair

- April 17th, 20204
- Click <u>HERE</u> for more information and to register for the event.

SOPHOMORE SPECIFIC NEWS

★ SOPHOMORE GUIDANCE WORKSHOPS

- o 1st Workshop: PSAT, Intro to College Admissions Testing, GPA, Transcript COMPLETED
- NEXT UP →2nd Workshop: PrinciplesYour Character Assessment, College Search/Career Search March 20,
 2024
- o 3rd Workshop: Meyers Briggs Personality Assessment April 10, 2024

NOTABLE SUMMER PROGRAMS

CLA High School Internship Program (*Current Juniors/Seniors*): Looking to explore the world of business, professional services, or accounting and gain hands-on experience with real projects and clients?

• Discover your passions and pave the way for your future career with CLA's high school internship program. Designed for students aged 16 to 18, this summer internship provides the opportunity to develop new skills, understand your strengths, and get paid for your hard work. Internship opportunities are available in select locations nationwide starting in June - INCLUDING PHILADELPHIA/KING OF PRUSSIA. Apply today and immerse yourself in a four-week paid program designed to inspire and grow the next generation of accounting and professional services talent. CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Must be 16 years of age or older at the start of the internship.
- Currently enrolled in high school with a junior or senior status.
- Exhibit curiosity about the accounting industry.
- Strong verbal/written communication and interpersonal skills.
- Willingness to learn new technologies.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office products.
- Ability to travel to the assigned local office and possibly external locations for client visits and/or community impact experiences.
- Must have availability between June 17th and July 19th, Monday-Thursday 9 am to 4 pm daily, with limited conflicts. The only exceptions are July 1-July 5, interns will be off the entire week.

Veritas AI Summer Program (This is a great opportunity for low-income families as they provide 100% financial aid for needy families)

- Veritas AI is an AI program for ambitious high school students, founded and run by Harvard graduate students. In the program, students learn the fundamentals of AI, interact with world-class AI practitioners, and build a real-world project.
- <u>Here</u> is the program brochure and the <u>application form</u>. Our upcoming summer application deadline is March 24 (early admission).
- Students learn the fundamentals of machine learning with guidance from universities like Harvard/Stanford/MIT! These are some of the projects students have worked on and published in the past:
 - Determining the Veracity of Social Media Articles using Large Language Models
 - Evaluation of Computer Vision Models on Car Crash Detection
 - Deep learning for lung cancer detection and classification in CT scans

Are you interested in <u>FORENSIC SCIENCE</u>? Check out this <u>FREE</u> summer program and apply today! The Forensic Sciences Mentoring Institute In Horsham, PA

- The <u>FMI Summer Science Program</u> is now offered at <u>no cost</u> to attending students. Admission is based on merit determined by submitted application, transcript, essay, and recommendation letter. Preference is given to Juniors and Seniors.
- Friday, April 5, 2024 Application Deadline: The application and all supporting materials must be received by midnight to be considered for the program APPLY HERE
- Hands-on Experiences -----> Students in the FMI Summer Science Program will learn through interactive, hands-on experiences using the same state-of-the-art instrumentation and techniques used in the world's top forensic laboratories in three different forensic science disciplines:
 - Forensic Biology involves the identification of body fluids such as blood, semen and saliva from items of evidence. This is followed by DNA analysis used to identify the source of a biological sample.
 - **Forensic Chemistry** is the identification of controlled substances such as cocaine, marijuana and synthetic drugs. Also included is analysis of evidence from arson and explosives investigations.
 - **Forensic Toxicology** is the study of the effects of drugs and chemicals in the human body. This can be used to determine cause of death, impairment or used for workplace drug testing.

o **ELIGIBILITY**

- Currently enrolled in high school
- Sixteen years of age or older by June 24th, 2024 (no exceptions this is required for insurance compliance); Preference is given to junior and seniors
- Completion or evidence of enrollment in algebra and either biology or chemistry with passing grades (see forensic area specific requirements within application)
- Availability throughout the duration of the program (weekdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm)