

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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SENIORS Your Senior's second semester can be a whirlwind! There are a ton of things that should be and will be going on. They may be choosing their college, filling out financial aid forms, looking for apprenticeships, applying for jobs, etc. Please feel free to use the guidance department to assist you in a lot of these things. We have the knowledge and tools to help your student in figuring out career choices, filling out applications, weighing the pros and cons of school choices, scholarships, apprenticeships, etc. We'd love to help you and your student to the best of our ability, just **give us a call or shoot us an email.**

FINANCIAL AID Don't forget that students must fill out their FAFSA applications to be eligible for financial aid! Go to www.fafsa.gov to start your application. Please remember that most colleges will not award any type of aid (need based or merit based) until they have your completed FAFSA. Many schools have FAFSA deadlines in January/February and money is first come first serve for qualifying students.

SCHOLARSHIPS Scholarships are a great way to assist in paying for college or other post secondary programs. You should never have to pay for a scholarship search! We recommend www.fastweb.com. It is a free scholarship search engine. Our career program NAVIANCE/FAMILY CONNECTIONS also has a scholarship search engine. The Naviance link can be found on the high school website under STUDENTS. In addition to the scholarship search engine on Naviance, any local or national scholarships that come through the Guidance office are also posted on NAVIANCE/FAMILY CONNECTIONS. **Once you are logged into Naviance > Click on Colleges > Then click on Scholarship Search.** Check out scholarships from Rumpke, Butler Rural Coop, and Anthony Munoz Foundation. Local scholarships will be added as they come in. Counselor's hint: Be sure to have your transcript release form filled out and signed if a transcript is needed. We cannot send a transcript without a signature; an email/phone call from the parent does not count. We need the signature!

DIAMOND OAKS CAREER TRIP The Sophomore Trip to visit the Great Oaks will be on Friday, January 20th. All 10th graders will eat first lunch and then board the buses at noon. We will be back before the end of 7th bell. This trip is part of the 10th grade career curriculum.

VOCATIONAL APPLICATIONS Applications for any 10th graders wanting to attend a Great Oaks program are due by the 6th of February. Please fill these applications online at www.applications.greatoaks.com. (Great Oaks will accept current Juniors into their programs on a case by case basis) On the fence about your student attending one of their programs? Come to their Open House and see what they have to offer! Diamond

Oaks is hosting their open house on Thursday, January 26th from 5:00-7:00pm and Scarlet Oaks is hosting their open house on Thursday, January 26th from 5:30-7:30pm.

*****Counselor's hint: Go and check out a campus at the Oaks! They are definitely not the same as they were even 10 years ago. Many programs are geared toward post-secondary education and have partnerships with schools to give advanced college credit!*****

REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24 Believe it or not we are already planning registration for the 2023-24 school year! We have scheduled the students to meet by grade on January 27th. We will go over the registration information, class graduation requirements, and any known changes to class offerings. Students will begin entering their class choices on February 1st during their English class. This means that students MUST be ready to enter their classes by February 1st. Please take the time between January 27th and January 31st to go over your student's class choices and sign their registration sheet for verification that you have seen the class requests. After January 27th you will be able to find an updated registration bulletin on the high school's webpage under the Guidance office tab. *****Counselor's hint: Talk to your student about their post-secondary goals, do their classes match their goal? Try to challenge your student, currently competition for schools and jobs are high and these students need every extra advantage possible to compete.

STATE SPONSORED ACT All juniors will take a state issued ACT on 2/28/23. Harrison High School will take care of registering all juniors for this test. Email connie.acra@southwestschools.org with questions. Arrival time for juniors on 2/28/23 is 7:45. *****Counselor's hint: There is an ACT test prep offered to all Harrison students on Naviance. Once the student logs into Naviance, they can find access to the test prep at the bottom of their Naviance home page.