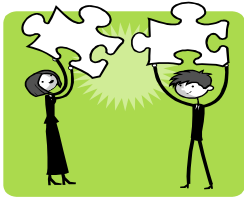


Student Services Newsletter

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...**putting the pieces together**...

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Sophomore Meetings

Beginning the week of March 26 and throughout April all sophomores will be meeting individually with Ms. Grenzer to discuss credit progress, career interests, post high school plans, junior/senior year course work and any other student concerns.

Parents were invited via email to attend the meetings. Sophomores also received meeting memos during homeroom on March 15. As always, please contact Ms. Grenzer if you have any questions or concerns.

Important End-of-Year Checklist for Seniors

For seniors, their high school career is quickly coming to an end. Some of them may be jumping for joy; others may be starting to panic. Here's a short checklist of items seniors need to complete before graduation:

Career Portfolio – this is a graduation requirement.

- Complete and submit the portfolio for review. **(If this is not completed, he/she will not participate in graduation ceremony.)**
- **Prepare for the Mock Interview on May 2.** All seniors will have a mock job interview with a local business person-this is a great opportunity to practice their "people skills" and to experience what a real job interview is like. Their portfolio will be a part of the interview.

College/Technical College Checklist

- If you haven't been accepted yet...contact the college.
- Register for Placement Testing for UW System campuses.
- Sign up for new student orientation/registration at the college.
- Submit your FAFSA (if you have not already done so).
- Keep applying for scholarships.
- Check your emails and watch the mail for important college and financial aid information.

Going into the Workforce

- Start applying for jobs...check out local newspapers.
- Set up a time to meet with a staffing agency, such as Flexstaff.
- Attend Job Fairs.
- Visit Fox Cities Workforce Development.

Any questions, please contact Ms. Grenzer in Student Services.

**DON'T FORGET
TO ATTEND!**

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

**TUES, APRIL 10
1:00-6:00PM**

ACT and ACT Aspire Mandated Testing

5th Grade Orientation

Moving over to Middle School is a big deal for the elementary students. There is no shortage of excitement as the current 4th graders are also experiencing the normal anxiety that comes with change. To ease their concerns guidance lessons in May will include specific concerns about moving to the Middle School. Ms. Grenzer will discuss the expectations, routine and of course, those menacing lockers! We are also planning a middle school orientation in May - students in 4th grade will visit the middle school where they will be paired with a middle schooler to shadow a class or two, and have a question and answer session with a panel of 5th grade "experts". Parents will be receiving a letter with details.

Fox Cities 8th Grade Career Fair

On Wed, March 14, all 8th graders attended a career event at the new Fox Cities Exhibition Center in Appleton. This career fair was sponsored by the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Students learned about several careers that connected with career work that was completed earlier this school year. They visited four different career "zones" and got to interact with various businesses during each session.

Students were required to complete a worksheet, a survey, and a thank you note to the business professional they connected with the most and explain why. As part of the newly state-mandated ACP & Career Portfolio Program, this activity will connect with career work that was completed earlier this school year.

"To be an overachiever; you have to be an over-believer."
Dabo Swinney, Clemson Univ football coach

On Feb. 27 & 28 all juniors were administered the ACT and ACT WorkKeys assessments in accordance with the new mandated statewide testing that began three years ago. We are expecting to receive the results in approximately 6 weeks.

In addition, **all 9th and 10th graders will be taking the online ACT Aspire assessment on April 23 and April 25. Parents will receive a testing schedule soon. Attendance in school for your child(ren) during the dates of these assessments is essential. Please be mindful when scheduling appointments.**

Hilbert High School faculty and staff continue to work diligently to prepare your student(s) for college and career readiness that is assessed on these state-wide examinations. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Ms. Grenzer or Mr. Sweere, district administrator, at 853-3558.

ACT Testing, continued....

So you took the test in February. Should you test again? You should definitely consider retesting if:

- You had any problems during the test, such as not understanding the directions or not feeling up to par.
- You aren't satisfied that your scores accurately reflect your abilities.
- You see a discrepancy between your ACT scores and your high school grades.
- You have completed coursework or an intensive review in subject areas of the ACT since you were tested.

Stop in and speak with Ms. Grenzer if you need help deciding whether to retest or not. ACT testing over the summer will be held on Saturday, June 9 (registration deadline of May 4) and Saturday, July 14 (registration deadline of June 15). Pick up registration information in Student Services. You must register online at www.actstudent.org.

BRAND NEW Career Expo for High Schoolers

On Thurs, March 15, all 9th through 12th graders attended the newly created Career Expo at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center. Students received information on Career Exploration through business hosted events and informal interviews. Area businesses offered career path opportunities through job shadows, internships and youth apprenticeships. Employment opportunities-both full and part-time-were also available to students.

Several breakout sessions were offered including: "What to do with that first paycheck" and "Your Personal Brand". And a panel of local college students and apprentices were on hand for high schoolers to talk to and ask questions.

In addition, a community job fair was open to the public from 3:30-5:30pm. Over one hundred area businesses were on hand for students and adults to speak to.

Youth Apprenticeship Spotlight



Six students are currently taking part in the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program through the WI Department of Workforce Development. It is designed for high school juniors and seniors who want hands-on learning in an occupational area at a worksite, along with specific classroom instruction related to their YA program. Interested students must be in good standing, both academically and in discipline/attendance. Contact Ms. Grenzer ASAP to see if you qualify for the program and to complete the application process.

Senior Skyler Schmid is the first HHS student to complete a two-year program. He is working on the Manufacturing Processes Unit as part of the Manufacturing Program and is employed by Classic Gears & Machining in Kaukauna. In addition, he is taking an Intro to Business class through youth options at Fox Valley Tech and is enrolled in the Welding II-GMAW transcribed credit class at the high school. When asked to comment on his experience in the YA program he replied, "I really enjoy the youth apprenticeship program since it allows me to pursue my passion in machining while still attending high school. It has taught me a lot about my work skills and also that machining is the type of career I want to continue with. My plan after I graduate is to attend college for my business degree so I can one day take over the family company."

Senior Alex Caldwell is also in the YA Manufacturing Program and is employed at Classic Gears. He has completed the Measure & Benchmark 1 course through youth options at FVTC and is currently



enrolled in Measure & Benchmark 2. When asked about his YA experience he commented, "What I liked about the YA Program was the firsthand experience of working in a Machine Shop. Being able to work alongside fellow employees, follow the procedures that the company has set, and make actual products that are sold to the customer is an experience like no other. After I graduate I will be entering military service and afterwards continuing my college education in the CNC field."

Senior Shania Schmitz's apprenticeship is in the Health Science Program. She is working as a nursing assistant at Atrium Health in Chilton. When asked to comment on the YA Program, Shania said, "I enjoyed having the opportunity to work with experienced CNAs who taught me a lot of useful skills. Another thing I enjoyed about the YA program was the support I received from my mentors, both in the workplace and in my school system that guided me through the program. I plan to attend Marquette University in pursuit of my masters of science in nursing degree. I intend on keeping my YA job throughout college by working full-time during the summer and casual during my winter breaks."

Senior Bryce Gruett is completing the Ag Mechanic Technician Unit in the Agriculture Program while being employed at Gruetts in Potter. He is currently enrolled in an online Ag Mechanics course through Kaukauna High School. When asked about his YA experience he commented, "The YA program gives me an opportunity to get hands-on work experience and receive a great education. I have learned to use my time wisely



and schedule things more efficiently. After high school I plan on going to either Fox Valley Tech or UW Madison- Short Course.

Senior Kyle Krueger is working on the Banking Services Pathway as part of the YA Finance Program and is currently employed at Verve Credit Union in Sherwood. He is taking numerous business courses at HHS including a transcribed credit accounting course. Kyle's comments on the YA program are, "I love that my YA program gives me first-hand experience and a good sense of what it's like in the banking industry. I have learned an enormous amount of information including how to properly communicate with others in a business state-of-mind and how to do a bunch of different transactions that I use almost every day. After I graduate I plan to attend UW-Oshkosh to continue my studies in Finance. While attending college, I also wish to continue working at Verve."

Dakota Kinnard is a current junior who is enrolled in the first year of FVTC's Automotive Maintenance Light Repair Program. He is currently employed at VandeHey Brantmeier in Chilton. When asked to comment on his YA experience Dakota states, "I have learned many things from my youth apprenticeship. One thing that I like is that you are getting real world experience. I plan to continue working at my apprenticeship and eventually become a master technician".

"You and you alone are the only person who can live the life that writes the story you were meant to tell."

Kerry Washington, actress

Wolf Buddies

The Big Brother/Big Sister program that was started in 2015 was renamed Wolf Buddies this year. What started with high school "bigs" being paired with middle school "littles" has expanded to include middle school "bigs" paired with elementary "littles". On Thurs, Feb. 15 the Wolf Buddies had tons of fun playing Olympic Games, and then followed up with a great discussion/lesson on courage. The students rotated through five Olympic "events": Ski Jump (Wii), Biathlon, Bobsled, Floor Hockey, and Curling. A huge thank you to Dawn Grenzer, Linda Thiel, Nate Wesener, and Angela Lenz along with the Junior and Senior Wolf Buddies for planning, organizing, and running the event.



How to Stay Involved With School Throughout the Year

Your child has been in elementary school for a while now. Have you found ways to stay involved and engaged? Here are some strategies to try: **Visit**-Volunteer in class; attend school events and field trips. **Communicate**-Keep in touch with your child's teacher through email and notes. Tell her about any changes in your child's life. Continue to make parent-teacher conferences a priority. **Read**-Review the papers he brings home every day. Continue to read to your child and have him read to you. **Socialize**-Meet other elementary parents. Keep in touch through social media or group texts. The bonds formed in kindergarten can last many years-for kids AND parents! **Lead**-As your schedule allows, consider leadership roles, such as organizing class events or joining the elementary PTO.