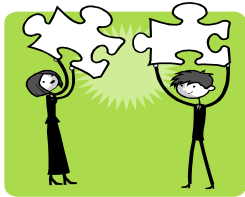


Student Services Newsletter

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

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Fox Cities 8th Grade Career Fair

On Tues, March 7, all 8th graders attended a career event at the Lake Park Sport Zone in Appleton. This career fair was sponsored by the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Students got the chance to visit four different "career zones" and interacted with various businesses during each session/zone.

Students are required to complete a worksheet, a survey, and a thank you note to a business professional that they met with at the fair. 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.

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 April 26th. 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).
- Apply 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.

"The most completely lost of all days is that on which one has not laughed."
Chamfort

Sophomore Meetings

Beginning the end of March 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 are invited to attend the meetings. Look for an invitation via either email (if you've given us an email address), or snail mail. As always, please contact Ms. Grenzer if you have any questions or concerns.

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.

**DON'T FORGET
TO ATTEND!**

**PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES**

**TUES, APRIL 4
1:00-6:00PM**

ACT and ACT Aspire Mandated Testing

On Feb. 28 & March 1 all juniors were administered the ACT and ACT WorkKeys assessments in accordance with the new mandated statewide testing that began two 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 sometime between April 24 and May 26. 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, high school principal, at 853-3558.

ACT Testing

If you take the test in February or April, 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. The last ACT testing for this school year will be held on Saturday, June 10. Final date to register is May 5. Pick up registration information in Student Services. You must register online at www.actstudent.org.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE
ACADEMIC BANQUET MOVED TO WED, MAY 10**

Career/College Day at HHS

We are currently planning a Career/College Day for Tuesday morning, April 4th, for grades 9-12. A panel of representatives from the UW-system, WI private colleges, and WI technical colleges will be here, along with numerous career booths set up in the gym. Students will be able to visit the career booths and talk to the business professionals to learn more about their companies, job positions they employ, training or schooling required, employability skills, work based learning opportunities, etc.

**SPRING/EASTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL
APRIL 10 - 15**

Youth Apprenticeship Spotlight

Three students are currently taking part in the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program as part of a statewide School-to-Work initiative offered 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 classroom instruction. Interested students must be in good standing, both academically and in discipline/attendance. They should contact Ms. Grenzer ASAP to see if they qualify for the program and to complete the application process. For more detailed information visit:

<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/youthapprenticeship>



Senior Rebekah Bergelin's apprenticeship is in the Health Science Program. She is working at Atrium Health in New Holstein in the Dietary Dept while completing her Nursing Assistant course through youth options at Fox Valley Tech. When asked to comment on the YA Program, Rebekah said, "I really enjoy the youth apprenticeship program because I get to work and associate with people whom I will be working with in

my career choice which is nursing. This program, in my personal experience, helps me because I am able to leave school and work. I also make money and get the hours in that I need for my CNA, which will be a huge benefit for me in the future." Rebekah plans to attend FVTC to get her associate degree, and then go on to a 4-year college for her bachelor degree. She wants to specialize in oncology.



Senior Bryce Loose is completing the Carpentry Unit in the Architecture and Construction Program while being employed at Boldt Construction. He is currently enrolled in the high school welding course and has completed his OSHA 10 and CPR First Aid training at Boldt. When asked about his YA experience he commented, "The experience I have received from this program has shown me that you don't need to go to college to do well in life. The best thing I liked about this experience is being able to meet new people and to work with them and learn at the same time. Bryce plans to "go straight into the work force as an Operating Engineer apprentice and hopefully work for Boldt."



Skyler Schmid is currently a junior and is our first high school student in the two-year program. He is working on completing a Machining Unit in the Manufacturing-Production Program and is employed by Classic Gears & Machining in Kaukauna. In addition, he is taking an Engineering Drawing class through youth options at Fox Valley Tech and is enrolled in the high school welding class. When asked what he likes about the YA program, Skyler said, "It has greatly helped me by allowing me to get a head start on my career choice while also attending high school. After high school I plan on pursuing more post-secondary schooling to help further my career."



***There is nothing new....under a rock.
A rolling stone....may dent the floor.
It is better to light a candle than....to light a bomb.
Haste makes....sweat.
- Fourth Grade Wisdom☺***

Big Brothers-Big Sisters

The Big Brother - Big Sister program was started in 2015 when a group of high school students wanted to find a way to support younger students so they had another positive influence in school. High school volunteers were paired with middle school students, and activities were planned. Current high school members are continuing to plan events to connect and spend time with their "littles." The Big Brother - Big Sister program is looking to expand by having positive middle school students act as "bigs" for some of our elementary students. Some of the activities you will see the group doing include eating lunch together, writing encouraging notes, helping with homework, and other fun activities after school. Mrs. Lenz and Mrs. Remington advise the Big Brother - Big Sister program.

