

**SENIOR INFORMATION**  
**2017-2018**

**TO :** Seniors

**FROM :** Eric Dawson, School Counselor      **Email:** dawsons@youghsd.net

**RE :** Senior Information      **Phone:** 724-446-5520 ext. 2016

**GUIDANCE VISIT :** You must fill out a Guidance Visitation Form to visit the guidance office unless it is an emergency. You can access forms in homeroom, from teachers or in the guidance office. You may email me the night before to see me the next day.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS :** 24 Credits  
4 English  
4 Social Studies  
3 Sciences  
3 Math  
1/2 credit of Health  
1 credit of Physical Education (1/4 credit each year)  
1/2 credit of Life After High School  
\*\*\*If you are unsure about your credits, please see Mr. Dawson.

**SENIOR CONFERENCE :** Schedule a conference with Mr. Dawson as needed.

**SCHOOL VISITS :** This is an excused absence from school, but you must obtain a school visitation permission slip from the guidance office, have it signed and returned to the **high school office** at least one day before your scheduled visit. Seniors are permitted 3 days.

**INFORMATION & SCHOLARSHIP SHEETS :** Most of the information you receive from Guidance this year will be through your Senior Bulletin which will be distributed in your English classes. Additional information on any item will be available from Mr. Dawson. Information is also posted on the Yough School District website under Guidance.

**SAT I, SAT II & ACT TESTING :** Seniors should consider taking the ACT or SAT. Fee waivers are available if on free or reduced lunch.

**APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL OR SCHOLARSHIPS:** When applying for either admission or scholarships most institutions prefer applying on-line. If you complete a paper application, bring your completed application and/or forms to the Guidance Office. All materials will be sent in one envelope so an accurate record can be kept.

If you are applying on-line, please let the Guidance Office know to send your official transcript. Please fill out a transcript request form in guidance.

**TRANSFERRING  
CREDITS IN PA**

: Pennsylvania Transfer and Articulation Center

**FINANCIAL AID  
NIGHT FOR  
PARENTS AND  
STUDENTS**

: A financial aid night for parents will be held on Thursday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. All senior students and their parents/guardians are highly encouraged to attend to understand all changes to the financial aid process.

To learn more, visit the following websites:

[PHEEA.org/FAFSA](http://PHEEA.org/FAFSA)

[EducationPlanner.org](http://EducationPlanner.org)

[Fafsa.ed.gov](http://Fafsa.ed.gov)

[pin.ed.gov](http://pin.ed.gov)

**ATTENDANCE**

: 20 days for a year class and 10 days for a semester class for denial of credit

**APPRENTICESHIPS:**

Apprenticeships are excellent opportunities for students not planning on attending 4 year college. They will be listed on Senior Bulletins as received.

**MILITARY**

: If you are interested, you are encouraged to meet with a recruiter along with your parent/guardian.

**SPORTS**

: Seniors, who plan on playing sports next year in a Division I or Division II college, must be certified by the NCAA Clearinghouse. Applications are available at:  
[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

**WEB SITES FOR  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

: [HTTP://www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

[HTTP://www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.highfivescholarships.com](http://www.highfivescholarships.com)

[www.tuitionfundingsources.com](http://www.tuitionfundingsources.com)

\*\*\*See Mrs. Raimondo for help in scholarship search during homeroom\*\*\*

\*\*\*College and Technical School and Career Night will be held at Westmoreland County Community College in Youngwood on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. 5:30 – Financial Aid Presentation  
6-8pm – Visit with College and Career Representatives.

If you have any questions or if your parents have concerns, please see Mr. Dawson or call 724-446-5520, Ext. 2016. Remember, my job is to help you. Have a great year!