

SENIOR INFORMATION
2019-2020

TO : Seniors

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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 form 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.

JOB SHADOWING: Students are encouraged to job shadow an occupation of interest. Your counselor will walk you through the steps including documentation and permission forms. Permission is needed in advance.

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.

FREE SAT AND ACT PREP: SAT/ACT Prep is a free service offered through Yough High School. Please see Mrs. Rogge (Room 118) or Mr. Schmook (Room 215) to register.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL OR SCHOLARSHIPS:

When applying for either admission or scholarships most institutions prefer applying on-line. After you submit your online application, please let the Guidance Office know to send your official transcript. Please fill out a transcript request form in guidance.

COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND TRANSFERRING CREDITS IN PA :

An information session on the Dual Enrollment process will occur Friday, September 20, 2019 during 1st period. It may go into 2nd period as well. Pennsylvania Transfer and Articulation Center can assist with understanding how some colleges transfer credits. The website is patrac.org

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

A financial aid night for parents will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7th from 6:30 p.m.– 8:00 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

EducationPlanner.org

Fafsa.ed.gov

ATTENDANCE:

16 days for a year class and 8 days for a semester class.

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

WEB SITES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

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

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

www.highfivescholarships.com

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

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

*****College, Technical School and Career Night** will be held at Westmoreland County Community College in Youngwood on Wednesday, September 25th.
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!