

Junior Class Parent Meeting

Welcome:

Introductions:

- Renee Quinn, Counselor (Last Names A-K)
- Angie Wisdom, Counselor (Last Names L-Z)
- Lori Christmas, Grays Harbor College
- Emily Smith, Central Washington University
- Letters
 - Mailed home to Family 1
 - Questions, or if handwritten notes on letters, please reach out to your student's counselor

Communication:

CLASS OF 2024 Google Classroom



Remind students to check their email daily to see updates added to google classroom regarding: scholarships, senior information, and college visits.

INSTAGRAM



@m_h_s_counselingcenter

THE MHS DAILY BULLETIN



Parents- check the daily bulletin for important updates and information!

MHS COUNSELOR WEBSITE



Graduation Requirements

- Seniors need 24 credits to graduate
- **Must complete a High School and Beyond Plan** (HSBP): Seniors will complete this on their own time outside of school, the counselors will check it off
- Must complete a <u>Graduation Pathway</u> (Students must meet at least one of these pathway options to graduate)
- SBAC- Math and ELA
- ASVAB- 2/16 (Juniors last name A-K), 2/17 (Juniors last name L-Z)
- DUAL CREDITS (math & society + professional communications (CTE), running start)
- CTE SEQUENCE (2 credits)
- SAT/ACT- we can help students get signed up if needed

High School & Beyond Plan



1) Log into My School Data with the same username/password as Skyward

	My School Data
ń	Montesano School District
<u>.</u>	User name
Î	Password
Log On Forgot your password?	

College Visits:

MHS is proud to partner with many colleges (EWU, GCU, CWU, SMU, PLU, Lewis & Clark, WWU) to offer visits from admission representatives to provide our students valuable information about different schools and opportunities.

College Visits will be communicated through the daily bulletin and our Class of 2024 Google Classroom.

Students must sign up to attend in Google Classroom Why you should take a visit? Visiting a college campus helps you get a sense of what a college — and life at that college — is like. This can help you decide whether the college is right for you. <u>College Tour Checklist</u>

<u>College Tour:</u> Each episode of *The College Tour* focuses on a single college or university. From campus life, academics, housing, sports, activities, and much more... each student driven segment will give young people an inside look at what it's truly like being a student at the featured college or university

ACT/SAT- Should You Take?

Currently more than half of all 4 year colleges are "test optional"

- Check your college admissions page to see if your college is test optional, test flexible, or test blind.
- What are the benefits of taking the test if my school doesn't require a test score?
 - Many colleges may use your test scores to award merit scholarships
 - Some state/national scholarships may require SAT/ACT scores
 - Sometimes if you do well on the test it can boost your college application
- When & Where: We don't offer the SAT or ACT- use their website to find a location. Most juniors take the ACT or SAT in the pring, and then again in the fall if needed.



SAT FINDER:



Trade Schools & Apprenticeship Programs

We try to offer trade school and apprenticeship presentations as well as college visits:

- Centralia Beauty College
- Department of Natural Resources
- SW Washington Electrical JAC

Some programs like apprenticeships, vocational and technical certifications have a unique application process. Check out <u>Ini.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/become-an-apprentice</u> for more information on apprenticeships or visit <u>sbctc.edu</u> for vocational and technical training programs.

Don't Know What You Want to Do?



<u>ASVAB</u>- February 16th (A-K) February 17th (L-Z)

Students don't have to be interested in the military to take this test, it provides them with Math, Verbal, Science and Technical career exploration scores which can gauge college and career readiness

UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL YET?

- Think about your interests.
 - **List job ideas** and interests and then research how they can connect to a job.
 - Visit careerbridge.wa.gov to explore careers.
- Determine how to qualify for different jobs.
 - **Learn job requirements** (skills, classes, specific degrees or training, etc.)
 - **Talk to a career counselor**, mentor or family member.
- Get Experience.
 - Volunteer, get an **internship** or **job shadow**.

Transcripts:

TRANSCRIPTS:

Transcripts can be sent to any college by the high school registrar, or given directly to the student to deliver.

Official vs. Unofficial transcript

Students need to use this link in order to request transcripts:

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

SCHOLARSHIPS

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Local scholarship usually come available starting in February and end around May. Check the link on the MHS Counseling page for up to date information regarding local scholarships.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS:

Any national or state level scholarships will be posted to the Class of 2023 Google Classroom or to the

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

If your student receives a scholarship they need to let their school counselor know, so they can be recognized at the end of the year Senior Recognition Night on June 6th!!

College Information & FAFSA

Special Guests:

- Lori Christmas, Grays Harbor College
- Emily Smith, Central Washington University

Thank you for attending:

Please reach out if you have further questions: Renee Quinn (A-K) <u>quinn@monteschools.org</u> Angie Wisdom (L-Z) <u>awisdom@monteschools.org</u>

Montesano Counseling Center Website: http://www.monteschools.org/jr-sr-high-counseling-center