Counselors' Corner

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Tip for the Quarter:

Students should regularly check their grade level Schoology page for important information, opportunities, and deadlines.

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Freshmen

Counselors will be in classes this quarter to present an overview of the high school graduation requirements, provide tips on how to be successful, and prepare for the future. Course registration for 10th grade will be here before we know it! Here are four quick ways to help your freshman succeed:

1. **Start planning for registration:** Look for 10th-grade classes that align with college plans, career tracks, or personal interests.
2. **Choose wisely:** Pick challenging yet manageable courses that open doors for the rest of high school.
3. **Connect with a counselor:** If you have questions about course paths, schedule an appointment with your school counselor.
4. **Finish strong:** Let's keep the momentum going through the rest of the 9th-grade year!

Sophomores

You're officially a quarter of the way through 10th grade! 🎉 So, how's it going? Are you feeling good about your classes, or are you just trying to keep up? Either way, now is a great time to check in, make some adjustments, and start exploring what's next! Beginning November 2nd, counselors will be visiting classrooms to talk about what students need to be successful this year and beyond. **Reminders:**

- **Keep those grades up!** If you're feeling overwhelmed or falling behind, don't wait until you're drowning. Reach out to your school counselor early so we can help!
- **Get involved!** Start building your experiences through clubs, volunteering, community service, and activities that interest you. It's not just about college applications; it's about discovering what you enjoy!
- **Not sure where to start?** Log in to Xello and take a personality or career-interest assessment to explore careers and activities that may be a good fit for you.

This is your time to explore, ask questions, and discover what makes you *you*!

Juniors

Now is a great time for juniors to begin planning for life after high school. Research colleges, explore career options, and register for upcoming SAT, ACT, or other entrance exams. Consider GPA and test scores when exploring college options.

Use the coming months to build a resume, seek volunteer opportunities, and earn service hours toward Bright Futures Scholarship requirements. Students interested in entering the workforce or pursuing technical programs should begin researching career pathways, training programs, and other postsecondary options. Xello is a great resource for exploring careers, researching colleges, and completing interest inventories.

Continue to monitor academic progress, stay on track with graduation requirements, and begin thinking about senior-year course selections. Schedule an appointment with your school counselor to review graduation requirements, discuss post-secondary plans, and prepare for a successful senior year.

Seniors

Senior year is in full swing, and there are several ways parents can help students stay on track as they prepare for graduation

Bright Futures Scholarship: School Counselors will meet with all seniors in November to review the Bright Futures Scholarship program. Seniors will check their Bright Futures transcripts, which are available in the Xello app through Clever. Parents are encouraged to review BF transcripts with their senior and discuss any remaining requirements.

Stay on Top of Deadlines: Help your senior keep track of college applications, scholarship opportunities, FAFSA, and financial aid deadlines.

Finish the Year Strong: Encourage consistent attendance, completing assignments, studying for exams, and maintaining strong grades. Academic success is still important!

Check In Regularly: Ask your senior about application progress, upcoming deadlines, and any challenges where they may need support.