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From the Director...

As we approach the mid point of the 2011-2012 school year, we should take a moment to reflect upon the many accomplishments inside and outside of the classroom that our students have achieved. It is also a time to look forward, set goals and commit to achieving your fullest potential.

The guidance centers at both High School West and East offer a wide array of services. In mid-December, sophomores and juniors will have their PSAT scores returned, along with a code to enter into College Board's My College QuickStart. My College QuickStart provides students with online personalized college and career planning information, an individualized SAT study plan based on their PSAT performance, as well as college, career, and majors matches. To access My College QuickStart go to www.collegeboard.com, follow the directions listed, and use the access code on the student's paper score report located in the upper right hand corner.

Naviance is also up and running. Juniors have begun setting up

accounts. Naviance Family Connection offers a secure, collaborative website for students and parents that they can customize for career and college planning. The site also offers scattergrams from previous years admissions decisions. Please contact your child's counselor for more information and access.



We will also begin scheduling soon. For the 2012-2013 school year, a new schedule will be introduced in the high schools. The new schedule will give students an opportunity to take 8 courses and still have a lunch period. Additional information will be provided in our next newsletter. If you have any questions and wish to make an appointment to meet with your child's counselor to discuss scheduling options, please contact the guidance office.

It is never too late to apply to college. Counselors have lists of schools that traditionally accept late applications past the March 1 deadline. FAFSA forms are no longer available in guidance. To access the forms go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and download an application. Hard copies are still accepted, but it is recommended that you submit online. Any family who does not have home internet access can use the guidance office to download and submit applications.

For the second year, Camden County College has arranged for our seniors to visit the college, take the Accuplacer placement test, tour the campus, and meet with college professors. It is at no cost to the students, except to buy their lunch at the student center. Please contact your child's counselor for the date.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any guidance counselor.

Sincerely,
James Riordan
Director of Guidance

Financial Aid Night



The Guidance Office will host the annual Financial Aid Night on Thursday, December 8 at 7 pm in the new auditorium of High School West. Steve D'Ambrosio, Assistant Director of Financial Aid for Camden County College, will

present information about the financial aid process and will be available to respond to questions and concerns about the process.

Parents and guardians of current seniors planning to attend college are encour-

aged to come and learn about how to file the FAFSA form to apply for financial aid and about the different types of financial aid that are available to help families pay for college. We hope to see you there!

“Continuous effort - not just strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential.”

Winston Churchill

There are many opportunities for extra help and tutoring at both schools. Students should first seek help from their teachers, and then explore these additional options:

Extra Help and Tutoring

EAST

- Math tutors (teachers and students) are available after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in C 225.
- Science tutors (teachers and students) are available after school on Wednesdays in the library.
- Organization skills tutors (teachers and students) are available after school on Wednesdays in the library.
- There are also Cum Laude tutors in the library after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, that can usually help in any subject area.

WEST

- Organized help is done through the National Honor Society, and is offered Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.
- Called homework helpers, it is in the library from 2:30-3:30 each of those days. It is supported by students.



Teen Screen

Did you know that depression and anxiety affect as many as one out of five teens today and that 17% of U.S. high school students report serious thoughts of suicide?

Unfortunately, most teens with these problems never get identified. We at Cherry Hill Public Schools think this is an important issue, and that no student should have to suffer in silence when help is readily available. As a result, we have partnered with the Columbia University Teen Screen Program to make free and voluntary emotional health screening available to our student body. Cherry Hill Public Schools' Mental Health Initiative mission is to work to help parents better understand the changes their children are experiencing and know when to seek help for their teens.

In most cases, screening can reassure parents that their children are just experiencing typical adolescent "growing pains." For others, the Teen Screen Program can help parents find a problem early enough to prevent the development of long-term serious problems.

Please take advantage of this confidential and free screening that will take place in March. A consent form will be mailed home as the date approaches.

**For additional information please contact Jennifer DiStefano,
Student Assistance Coordinator at (856)424-2222 x2535.**

***"Don't
find fault.
Find a
remedy."
Henry
Ford***



SAT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 1, 2011	September 9, 2011
November 5, 2011	October 7, 2011
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011
January 28, 2012	December 30, 2011
March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012

ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012

Visit www.collegeboard.com to register

Visit www.actstudent.org to register

"Lost time is never found again."

Counselor Evening Dates and Hours

For your convenience, Counselors are available on the following dates and times:

November 16, 2011	6:30— 8:30
December 14, 2011	6:30— 8:30
January 18, 2012	6:30— 8:30
February 22, 2012	6:30— 8:30
March 21, 2012	6:30— 8:30
April 18, 2012	6:30— 8:30
May 16, 2012	6:30— 8:30

Dates and times are for both East and West, and are by appointment only. Please contact your child's Counselor if you're interested in setting an appointment.



East Guidance: 856-424-2222 ext. 2538

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