

Welcome back!

The Counselors' Corner newsletter will come out weekly. It is written to make YOU aware of up-to-date information from the HHS Counseling Office. Look through each newsletter for: events, websites for post-high planning, Financial Aid information, SCHOLARSHIPS, deadlines, and even job opportunities.

With the excitement of finally being called a senior, many of you may feel nervous, confused, or completely lost when deciding on future plans. We encourage each of you to stop in the counseling office and spend time with one of us discussing your future and what that may look like. Whether you are planning for a career, 4-year college or 2-year college, we have the information that you need to make an educated and wellinformed decision. We are here to help, guide, and support. Make use of us while you are here.

Senior Class of 2025

SENIOR YEAR: STEPS FOR SUCCESS

- 1. Do NOT slack off this is not the finish line. Stay focused. Your senior year GPA also counts! a.Continue to take high-level classes
 - b. Treat teachers, staff, administration the way you want to be treated c. Try new things/activities/clubs/service groups/classes
- 2. Start scheduling and attending College Campus Tours/Visitation Days
- 3. Take the ACT- if you need it for post-high
- 4. Start applying to colleges (South Dakota will have a FREE application period. TBA later) a.visit <u>OurDakotaDreams.com</u> to research South Dakota Public Colleges
- 5. Fill out scholarship applications- treat it like a job!!
 - a. Scholarships will be updated soon- continue to check the Scholarship Bin and the website.
 - b. Set up a second email and use it for this purpose.* DON'T use your parents' email.c. YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO PAY A FEE TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP. NEVER.
- 6. College-bound student-athletes: YOU are responsible for your eligibility. <u>NCAA</u> and <u>NAIA</u> have different guidelines. More to come on that.
- 7. Be Prepared. Plan your work and work your plan.
- 8. Set Goals.

ACT- Test Dates/Registration Deadline:

- September-LATE deadline August 25 • this will cost a LATE FEE
- October 26- deadline Sept 14/LATE deadline October 7
- December 14- deadline Nov 8/LATE deadline Nov 22 *HHS CODE: 420-656

COST

- w/o "Writing"- \$69
- w/ "writing"- \$94
- Late Fee- \$38

Register at ACT.org

SENIORS: Month-by-Month Guide

*from SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org

- save money from your summer job for college
- review your career plans and decide which type of postsecondary school is best for you
- list your top college choices
- request admissions information
- compare costs of each school that interests you by contacting the colleges
- plan and go on college visits
- collect letters of recommendation from your teachers to include with your college essays
- continue to take challenging courses during your senior year
- maintain or increase your GPA
- obtain registration materials and test dates for SAT/ACT

Upcoming Campus Visit Dates

*more dates and info to come as they become available. Go to the College website you want to visit and find applicable dates/events that fit your schedule

- Northern State University: check the website for individual visit days
- University of South Dakota: check the website for individual visit days
- South Dakota State University: check the website for individual visit days
- Dakota State University: check the website for individual visit days
- Dakota Wesleyan University: check the website to schedule an individual or group visit
- Black Hills State University: check the website for individual visit days
- Augustana University: check the website to schedule an individual or group visit
- School of Mines & Technology University: visit the website for more details/dates
- <u>University of Sioux Falls</u>: visit the website for more details/dates
- Mount Marty University: visit the website for more details/dates
- Southeast Technical College: visit the website for more details/dates
- Lake Area Technical College: visit the website for more details/dates
- Mitchell Technical College: visit the website for more details/dates
- Western Dakota Technical College: visit the website for more details/dates

To register, go the University website and select the event and date that works for you.

<u>Scholarship Search Websites:</u>

<u>South Dakota Scholarships</u> Tuition Funding Sources <u>CollegeXpress</u> <u>Scholarships.com</u> <u>Student Scholarships</u> <u>SD Scholarship Bulletin Board</u> <u>Huron HS Scholarship Database</u> *many are not updated/available yet KEEP CHECKING

START THIS YEAR OFF **GREAT! KEEP THAT** POSITIVE ATTITUDE. LOTS OF FUN, HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES TO COME! GET INVOLVED AND MAKE THE YEAR MEMORABLE. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ROAR, TIGERS!