

**GUIDANCE BULLETIN #1****Guidance Web Page**

The guidance web page is up and running. You can find important dates, Teen of the Month Applications, a list of scholarship applications available in the guidance office, links to useful web sites, and much more. It can be accessed through the HN Web page at [www.hardinnorthern.org](http://www.hardinnorthern.org) or you can go directly to it at [www.hardinnorthern.org/guidance](http://www.hardinnorthern.org/guidance) **Get in the habit of checking it regularly.**

**HELP!! My grades aren't very good!!**

Now that the first nine weeks are over and grade cards are out, students and parents may have discovered some classes students are struggling in. What do you do about it?

1. Make sure all assignments get turned in from here on out. These assignments are crucial in helping teachers establish effort and needed improvement.
2. Set up an appointment to meet with teachers to discuss how to improve. An excellent opportunity for this is during parent teacher conferences on October 21, 2 to 8 pm. Call the school office (759-3515) to set up an appointment time with your teachers.
3. Establish a regular study time for your students. It is suggested that students should study no less than one hour per day. Even when all homework is done, this time could be used to review notes, read textbooks, or study for upcoming tests and quizzes. No TV, music, phone, etc. during this time!
4. Parent and students should get in the habit of checking Progressbook for grades and Google Classroom for assignments.

**Elks Teen of the Month**

The Kenton Elks asks us to select two students each month (starting in October) as our Teens of the Month. Students that wish to be considered for this must turn in a typed application. A writeable PDF version of the application can be found on the guidance webpage. Congratulations to the October Winners Maddie Grappy and Luke Wilson. The November applications (for those that didn't turn in an application for October) must be typed and received by Mr. Wilson by October 30. Future months will each have an application deadline so watch the guidance webpage. High School teachers then vote on the applicants and the top two students each month will be our winners.

**Graduation Requirements**

The following may be a review, but you need to be aware of it. In order to graduate, students must have:

- 4 credits of English
- ½ credit of Health
- ½ credit of Physical Education (2 semesters or 1 semester and the PE waiver form)
- 4 credits of math
- 3 credits of Social Studies (must include American History and Government)
- 3 credits of science (must include 1 credit of biology and 1 credit of physical science)
- 1 credit of performing art (can count junior high performing art courses but must equal 1 full year/credit)
- 5 credits of electives

21 total credits

College prep should have: 2 or 3 cr. foreign language.

**Tests required for Graduation-**

Class of 2018 through class of 2022- These students will take end of course exams in 7 areas: Algebra I and Geometry (or Tech Alg I and Tech Alg II), English I and II, Biology I, Government, and American History. Students will receive a score of 1 to 5. To graduate, the student's total points must be equal to or greater than 18 points. In addition, 4 points must come from Math tests, 4 points for English Tests, and 6 points from science and social studies tests combined. Current juniors and seniors that have not met this requirement will retake all tests with a 1 or 2 in December. NOTE: Since testing did not occur last spring, student grades in the course determined points earned. A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, and F=1.

Class of 2023 and beyond- First, they must score proficient in Algebra I EOC and ELA II EOC (for students that don't, there are three options to meet this requirement: 1. Complete a CCP class and pass, 2. Enlist in the military, or 3. Credentials through a Career Ed program. Second, Show readiness by obtaining two Readiness Seals. See Mr. Wilson for this list.

**Parent information night**

In conjunction with parent teacher conferences, the guidance department will host a college application and financial aid information night on Wednesday, October 21 from 7:00 to 7:45. The information covered will include career selection, college selection, college applications, and financial aid. All are welcome.

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### **Sophomores to Visit the Apollo Career Center**

In November, sophomores will receive a presentation on the Apollo Career Center. This program will be conducted by a speaker from Apollo and consists of a talk and DVD about the various career options at Apollo. The program will be presented during 10<sup>th</sup> grade English. The goal of this presentation is to help students decide if they want to further investigate career technical education.

We are hoping that Sophomores will be taking a field trip on Friday, January 29 to tour Apollo. During this trip students travel to Apollo by school bus and spend one hour in each of two vocational areas of their choice. During these one-hour visits the students receive information from the career tech instructors and also participate in activities in the career tech shops and laboratories. Applications for Apollo enrollment (during the junior year) will also be made available to interested students on this day. Applications must be submitted to Apollo by February 5.

In a time when unskilled jobs are difficult to find, Apollo offers high school students the opportunity to develop skills that will make it easier to find a job. Many Apollo students choose to continue their education at a technical school or college after graduation as well.

### **Seniors**

Scholarship and College applications are beginning to arrive in the guidance office. College applications should be submitted by the first of November and many scholarships are due sometime in February. Don't wait to the last minute. A great way to get ready for these applications is to make a list of all your school activities and community activities. Include EVERYTHING you have done since you were a freshman. Make sure you know what year(s) you did that activity and break down large activities. For instance, don't just say "I was in FFA", but list the individual activities you did in FFA.

Remember that you need the paperwork turned in three days before taking a college visit. The forms are in the office.

**The next registration deadline for the ACT is November 6. This registration is for the December 12<sup>th</sup> test date.**

### **Financial Aid**

Starting in October, the forms that college bound seniors and their parents need to complete to be considered for need-type college financial aid will be available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>. Need-type financial aid includes grants, loans and work-study programs through which money is made available to students based on the financial strength of the student and his or her family.

The main form used to apply for need-type financial aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid usually referred to as the FAFSA. FAFSA can be completed on line starting in October using the family's 2019 tax returns. This is a change from previous years and is designed to make the application for financial aid easier and sooner. Financial figures put on the FAFSA should agree with those recorded on the family's income tax return.

Seniors were given Financial Aid information in October. The FAFSA can be completed at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). If you need help filling out the form, a great resource is the financial aid office at a college being considered or any nearby college.

### **College Credit while in High School**

Hardin Northern offers several ways to get college credit while still in High School. Here is a brief description of them. For more detail, call the guidance office.

**College Credit Plus (CCP) off site-** Allows students to leave our campus and attend a class or classes at a college in the area. There is no cost to the student but finding time in the student's schedule is often difficult. Student must register for this program by March 30 of the preceding year in the guidance office.

**CCP Dual Credit-** Hardin Northern has three teachers that have been trained by the University of Findlay and offer college credit for courses they teach. These courses are Calculus, Pre Calculus, Algebra II, Literature Appreciation and Spanish IV. Students must meet Findlay's enrollment criteria to be eligible for these credits and there is no cost to the student. In addition, American Government DC, American History DC I and II, STEM I, II, III, and American Sign Language I and II offer college credit through Rhodes and written communications offers credit through Urbana. An HN student can graduate having completed a total of 58 Semester hours of college credit (two years of college) at no cost to the student.

**This year, students are taking 161 dual credit courses (531 credit hours) worth between \$424,800 and \$743,400 here at Hardin Northern.**

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### **An Invitation from the Guidance Office**

The guidance office is always open to parents but the parent/teacher conferences in October might be a particularly good opportunity to stop in. High School and Junior High conferences are scheduled on Wednesday, October 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, February 16, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Information available through the guidance office includes topics like those listed below. Parents are invited to stop in on the parent/teacher conference dates at their convenience for discussions or to pick up information.

- Course Credits & Scheduling
- Graduation Requirements
- Apollo Career Center Information
- Postsecondary Enrollment Options (College Level Courses)
- Dual Credit Courses
- Academic Requirements for Athletic Eligibility
- NCAA Clearinghouse (College Athletic Eligibility)
- College Scholarships & other Financial Aid
- College Information & Applications
- ACT & SAT (College Admissions Tests)
- Work Permit Applications (Age & Schooling Certificate)
- Ohio Career Information System (OCIS)
- Honors Diploma Requirements
- Student GPA & Class Rank Information

### **Important Dates**

October 21 Parent Teacher Conferences 2-8 pm grades k-12  
October 21 Fall Parent Information Meeting for College 7-7:45  
October 21- Early dismissal at 1:30  
October 22- Early Dismissal at 1:30 for elementary parent teacher conferences  
October 23- No school  
October 25- Chili Cook Off at Shanaigans in Dunkirk to benefit Hannah Leichner.  
October 30- Elks Teen of Month applications for November due.  
November 6- Registration for Dec. 12 ACT due.  
November 24- Interims  
November 24- Early Release for Thanksgiving break (1:30)  
November 25-29 Thanksgiving Break

December 3-6- EOC testing- juniors and seniors with 1 or 2 on previous attempt will retake. Dr. Price's Gov't class will take EOC  
December 12- ACT test date  
December 11-17- Exams  
December 17- end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester and 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks Early release at 1:30  
Dec. 18- Jan. 3- Christmas Break

January 4- 1<sup>st</sup> day back to school  
January 8- Registration for Feb. 6 ACT due.  
January 18- No school for Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
January 29- 10<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Apollo  
January 31- Deadline to nominate someone for the Hall of Distinction.  
February 1- Snow date for 10<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Apollo

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