

POST-HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

COMING UP THIS YEAR

AN UPDATED TIMELINE

Junior year we will begin engaging students directly in post-high school planning. Starting 2nd quarter we will visit advisories to provide guidance on the process and an overview of the road ahead. Students will be guided through the completion of a self-reflection and data form which will serve as the foundation for our meetings. While our appointments first quarter are reserved for assisting seniors through the application season, we hope students will reach out over email at any time with questions.

Individual family meetings will begin second semester and continue throughout the rest of the school year. Prior to the meeting, parents/guardians will be invited to submit a reflection form about your student to share with the phs counselor. We are excited to announce the development of a new, online scheduling system! More details on how to schedule the family meeting will be released as we get closer to that time.

An updated timeline is listed on the final page.

PHSC IS NOW ON CANVAS

All students in the Class of 2022 are now enrolled in our newly developed PHSC Canvas page. This resource is meant to be a one-stop resource hub for students for anything and everything related to their post-high school planning needs. We hope students will take time to acquaint themselves with the wide variety of resources available at their finger-tips in this site.

TESTING BASICS & UPDATES

The ACT and/or SAT align with a standard high school curriculum, and thus are intended to be taken during the spring of junior year through fall of senior year. Taking the test too early could yield less desirable results, and serve to increase anxiety around testing. Rest assured, students will have access to multiple national test dates throughout second semester, which can be viewed on the ACT and CollegeBoard sites. Currently scheduled test dates continue to be changed or postponed as ongoing safety regulations limit large gatherings. As a result of reduced access to testing, many colleges are amending their requirements as it pertains to standardized testing. For a current list of colleges now offering a test optional route for admission, please click [here](#). The post-high school counseling department continues to monitor the availability of ACT and SAT testing on the national level, and the district will keep you informed of any changes for the upcoming tests we are slated to host at New Trier. **Please know registration is handled by the testing agencies, thus New Trier has no ability to reserve seats specifically for our students.

At this point the PSAT is scheduled for October 17th and the State SAT in April. Scroll further for an updated comprehensive timeline of junior year.

NAVIANCE ACCESS

Naviance is a personalized, web-based tool designed to help students explore college and career options. Just prior to the school closure in March, most students received their Naviance login information in advisory to set up their accounts. Parents will receive their own login information later in the fall of junior year, but for now, can enter through their student's account. If any student was not able to activate their account, please email our department at phsc@nth.net for assistance in establishing your account.

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FINANCIAL AID

If you are interested in getting a better idea of the cost of college and aid you may qualify for, check out these tools:

NET PRICE CALCULATOR

All colleges are federally mandated to have a Net Price Calculator on their website. To find this on a school's site, simply type "Net Price Calculator" into the search bar. Completing this 15-20 minute exercise will provide you with an early read on what need-based or merit-based aid you might qualify for at this institution.

FAFSA 4CASTER

While the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Aid) cannot be completed until October 1 of the senior year, you can complete the FAFSA 4Caster now to get an estimate of your eligibility for federal aid. Please click [HERE](#) to visit the site.

NEW TRIER POST-HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

The New Trier Post-High School Counseling Department is proud of the knowledge and expertise we have to provide to our community. Our strength lies in the collective experiences of our team which in turn we are then able to share with you, providing the best resources and guidance to navigate your individual and unique post-high school journey. We thought we'd share with you a few highlights of the great work being done by our staff:

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YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE

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COLLEGE COUNSELING

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE
ADMISSION COUNSELING ANNUAL
CONFERENCES

ILLINOIS ACT COUNCIL
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FOR THE U OF GEORGIA,
U OF NEBRASKA, U OF TULSA,
PURDUE U, U OF IOWA,
U OF PITTSBURGH, OHIO
UNIVERSITY,

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SUCCESS CONSULTANT

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ADMISSIONS COUNSELING

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LICENSED CLINICAL
PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELOR

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YEARS OF
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NEED HELP? JUST ASK...

Contact your PHSC for support. Counselors work with the following advisory groups:

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For general questions or assistance accessing Naviance, please email phsc@nth.net

LOOKING AHEAD AT

JUNIOR YEAR

Here are some of the key events to anticipate coming up this year:

VIRTUAL VISITS

Visit the "**Research Resources**" page in our PHSC Canvas course to access different virtual college visit and information session options. Students may attend visits during a free period or after school.

OCT. 21, 7PM

A partnership between local high schools, the **CHOICES Virtual Event** is a post-secondary planning night for students with learning differences who are college bound. Click [here](#) for more details.

2ND SEMESTER

NEW online booking system to schedule your **PHSC family appointment**. Meetings begin second semester and continue through the end of the year. Instructions will be provided on how to book as we get closer to the date.

EXPLORE A GAP YEAR

New Trier hosts the country's largest **Gap Year Fair**. Details for virtual options to learn about all the exciting opportunities will be provided.

APRIL 13

State SAT for Juniors (an Illinois state-mandated graduation requirement).

FINANCIAL AID

View the 2019 presentation if you'd like to learn the ins and outs of how to apply for need-based aid for college. Click [HERE](#).

OCT. 17

Scheduled national test date for the **PSAT/NMSQT**. Visit the "**Testing**" page in Canvas for other standardized testing resources.

NOVEMBER

Junior PHSC Program for students & parents; our kick-off event providing an overview of the college search timeline and our services. Counselors will be visiting adviseries throughout 2nd quarter.

JANUARY-JUNE

At your **PHSC family appointment** come ready to talk about your dreams and we'll discuss how we can support you in reaching your goals.

FEBRUARY

PHS Counselors will be making **junior advisery visits** to provide guidance on **selecting senior year courses**.

