

Hello and Welcome to the Guidance Newsletter,

Counselors have begun scheduling and you should soon be seeing a copy of the course selection sheet brought home for your signature. Please remember that if you have any questions at all, call your child's counselor and they will be happy to assist you. Also, if you would like to view the course selection booklet or course selection sheet they can be found on our Guidance web site:

[http://www.edline.net/pages/Millville\\_Senior\\_High/6458449154484441122](http://www.edline.net/pages/Millville_Senior_High/6458449154484441122). The course selection link is on the right hand side.

HSPA Test reminder for parents of juniors: The HSPA, along with other testing for freshmen and sophomores, will take place on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> this year. Our school day will be regular length, with testing in the morning and classes, including lunch, for the remainder of the day. Dismissal is at our regular time of 2:15.

Mid-Marking Period is March 6<sup>th</sup>!!! Progress reports will be distributed to students on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Are you the parent of a college-bound junior? If you answered yes, please make sure your child has registered for the SAT test. There are 3 tests left this school year: March 9<sup>th</sup> (late registration only), May 4<sup>th</sup>, & June 1st (offered at MSHS). To register you must go to their website : [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). They also have lots of test taking information and tips, so check that out while you are there.

FAFSA: so you are the parent of a senior who has been accepted to college and are now trying to understand the financial aid process. The most important thing in all of it is a form called the FAFSA. Filling it out is done on-line and it is FREE!!! You cannot get financial aid without completing the FAFSA. Please be careful as there are scams out there where you could be charged for this. Here is the correct web-site: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

Would you like help completing your FAFSA? For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Cumberland County College is participating in something called **College Goal Sunday**. It will be this Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at CCC and will be staffed with Financial Aid professionals who will help you to complete your FAFSA form. You must register on-line @ <http://www.njcollegegoalsunday.org/>. This is a non-profit through the State of NJ so nobody will try to sell you anything. They really are there just to assist you with your FAFSA.

Speaking of Cumberland County College, our On-site Admissions Program started today. During on-site admissions, representatives from CCC come to Millville High School and meet with students who have turned in an application. Usually within a week after meeting with the CCC representative, the students take the Accuplacer, which is the college placement test used by CCC. After that, the only thing left is for the students to head out to the college to register for classes. With most of the work done here at the high school, it really can't get much more

convenient. If your child is interested in CCC, ask them if they came down today. If they did not, make sure they get their application to the Guidance Office as soon as possible. CCC will be back 2 more times this school year.

Did you know that we offer many Dual Credit Classes where students can earn college credit while in high school? We are currently enrolling students who are in Dual Credit classes for this opportunity. Students who are in Dual Credit classes during this semester attended a meeting last week to explain the process. Applications are due to Guidance by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to see a complete list of Dual Credit classes, please use the link above for our course selection material and they are on page 8 in the course selection booklet.

AP Test registration has also started. The AP tests are given the first 2 weeks in May. Students in our AP classes were in a meeting last week and must bring in \$13 deposit if they wish to participate. This is another way to earn college credit while in high school. If you have any questions about either of these great programs, please call your child's counselor.

***You will be the first to know this:*** Our Local Scholarship Application is going to be done on-line this year. The Local Scholarships are the awards for seniors that are announced during our Honor's Banquets in June. A link for the Local Scholarship Applications is going to appear by Monday on the MSHS web-site under "T-Bolt News". Students will click the link and fill out the form on-line and it goes directly to us without having to use any paper. Scholarship Applications are due by March 27<sup>th</sup>. The MSHS web site: [http://www.edline.net/pages/Millville\\_Senior\\_High](http://www.edline.net/pages/Millville_Senior_High). Please remember that the Link is not there yet, but it will be by Monday.

With all of this going on, please let me encourage your children to get involved in one of our many great clubs or sports teams while in high school. We certainly offer a lot of excellent academic opportunities, but don't forget that being involved in a club or a sport is a great way to explore other interests and have fun.

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