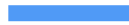


Welcome Class of 2020!



Your School Counselor

Mrs. Burke: A-K

Ms. Zueger: L-Z

Meet the counseling office staff

Mrs. Crumpton - Career Development Facilitator

Ms. Simmons - Graduation Coach

Ms. Kirby - Counseling Secretary

Mrs. Miller - PowerSchool Operator

Mrs. Rogers - Special Services

Miss Hartley - School Counseling Intern

Important Dates

Underclassmen Pictures: September 15

Open House: September 18

PreACT: September 20

Club Fair: October 4

PSAT: October 11

Procedures

- ▶ You must sign-in and sign-out everytime you come into the counseling office.
 - Use your ID to sign-in and sign-out
 - A pass will be printed for you when you sign-out.

- ▶ You can see your counselor before school, after school, or during lunch. If you need to see your counselor during class time, please have a pass from your teacher.

Graduation Requirements

▶ Review your schedule

- Make sure you are not in a class you have already received credit for.
- Make sure you have met the prerequisite for the classes you are scheduled for. Example: Health Science 2 before Health Science 1

▶ 4 Year College vs. 2 Year College requirements

Additional Requirements for a 4 year college

- ▶ 4th math above Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry
- ▶ Fine Arts Elective
- ▶ World Language 2 years of the same world language; Some college require 3 years

Dual Enrollment

- ▶ Earn college credit while in high school
- ▶ Must qualify—GPA and test scores (PSAT, SAT, or ACT)

English 101 and 102

History 111 and 112

Intro to Music

Intro to Athletic Training

Sociology 101

PSAT

- ▶ October 11
- ▶ You will have to sign up in the Counseling Office
- ▶ Will help you qualify for:
 - Scholarships
 - Dual Enrollment

PreACT

- ▶ September 20
- ▶ ALL 10th graders will take this.

Shmoop Test Prep

- ▶ Test Prep

- ▶ <https://schools.shmoop.com/>

- Create a username and password (may have created it last year)
- Magic Word: **DENOUEMENT**

- ▶ PSAT, SAT, ACT, ASVAB, ACCUPLACER

How can I afford college?

LIFE Scholarship

2 year school: up to cost of tuition

4 year school: \$5,000 per year (renewable)

| LIFE Scholarship | GPA required | Class Rank | SAT/ACT Scores |
|------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 2 year | 3.0 | N/A | N/A |
| 4 year | 3.0 | Top 30% | 1100 SAT or 24 ACT |

Palmetto Fellows:

\$6,700 first year
\$7,500 second year (renewable)

| Palmetto Fellows | GPA required | Class Rank | SAT/ACT Scores |
|--------------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------|
| 4 year (with ranking) | 3.5 | Top 6% (10 th , 11 th , or 12 th grade year) | 1200 SAT or 27 ACT |
| 4 year (without ranking) | 4.0 | N/A | 1400 SAT or 32 ACT |

Rule #1: Be Decisive

- ▶ Make high school count!
- ▶ What are the important things right now?
 - College planning
 - Career exploration
- ▶ Where do you want to go after high school?

Rule #2: Stay Focused

- ▶ Identify your goals
- ▶ Create an action plan
- ▶ Begin searches

Rule #3: Write Down Your Goals

- ▶ IGP Conference
- ▶ Start picking colleges you want to apply to in the senior year

Rule #4: Plan Thoroughly

- ▶ What are the steps you must take to achieve your goals?
 - Search college options
 - Prepare for college testing
 - Study- do well in your courses
 - Do I want to play sports in college and what do I need to do to make sure I'm eligible?

Rule #5: Involve Others

- ▶ Tell EVERYONE your goals!
- ▶ Your school counselor is a great resource to help you achieve your post secondary goals.
- ▶ Tell your teachers, coaches, parents, or relatives!
- ▶ The more people who know what you want to do the easier it is for them to help you when you need the help.

Rule #6: Accept Challenges

- ▶ Pick colleges that you know you may get accepted to but aren't really sure.
- ▶ Participate in clubs/sports
 - Find a new activity!! There is something for everyone at PHS.
- ▶ Push yourself to constantly improve

Rule #7: Take Purposeful Action

- ▶ You can plan but you need to take action!

| Planning | Action Plan |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Look at schools online | College Search |
| Scholarship searches | Scholarship Search |
| Career choices | SCOIS |
| SAT/ACT test prep | Shmoop |

Rule #8: Stay on Target

- ▶ Double check your checklist
- ▶ Don't miss deadlines
- ▶ Create a system that allows you to see your own progress toward your goals
- ▶ Time management and planning

Rule #9: Reward Yourself

- ▶ Enjoy high school!
- ▶ Stay involved in school activities

Rule #10: Reach Your Goal

- ▶ Be committed to your goals and take ownership of them.
- ▶ Believe in yourself and your goals.

Career Opportunities

How can you get the most out of YOUR experience during High School?

- ▶ Job Shadowing
- ▶ Internships/Co-Ops/Apprenticeships
- ▶ Assessments
- ▶ Online portfolio and/or resume
- ▶ Questions!