

ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

11TH GRADE (Class of 2018) HANDOUT

2015/2016

ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF

Elgin High School Counselors work closely with parents and guardians, teachers, social workers, and deans to assist in a student's total development. Our services include individual and group counseling, referrals to other agencies, liaison between parents and guardians and school administrators, and interpretation of standardized tests. Counselors help high school students make academic, career, and personal choices, but it is the parents, guardians and students who make final decisions in these crucial areas. Group guidance sessions are held throughout the high school year. Although individual student conferences are scheduled regularly, students, parents, and guardians can also request an appointment whenever they see a need.



Guidance Counselor Alpha Order

Mrs. Matei	Director
Ms. Saldua	Guidance Secretary
Mrs. Spear	A - Cha
Mrs. Tomaso	Ce - Gay
Mr. McCarthy	Ge - Leon
Ms. Ginter	Leop- Pak
Mrs. Capobianco	Pal- Santa
Miss Losowski	Sante - Z
Mr. Aburto	ELL & ELL Exited Foreign Exchange

JUNIOR YEAR TIME-LINE

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE	Sept.	If you plan to play sports in College (div. I and II) – please go on the NCAA Clearinghouse web site www.eligibilitycenter.org to complete the necessary forms and register with the NCAA.
PSAT TEST	October	Take the PSAT test which is cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship. This test is composed of Reading, Math, and Writing skills and it is used as an initial screening for National Merit Scholarship. For practice/prep visit https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org .
EXPLORE CAREERS	Throughout the year	Explore possible careers and their earning potential via Occupational Outlook Handbook http://www.bls.gov/ooh/ or, for a fun interactive tool, try the U.S. Department of Labor's mynextmove.org , for career and technical education http://ilcte.org or try careercruising.com username: elginhigh password: careers, For personal account– Username: U46-ID# Password: 8 digit birthday
COLLEGE RESUME	Throughout the year	Update your college/job Resume in Career Cruising, keep track of the awards you may have earned in high school, along with the volunteer work and clubs you have been involved with as well as any articulated high school courses for ECC credit.
COUNSELOR MEETINGS	Throughout the year	Meet with your counselor throughout the year to make sure you are keeping on track with your graduation requirements, college-prep courses, and career goals.
COLLEGE VISITS TO EHS	Sept.—Dec.	Colleges visit from mid-September through December. Sign up at least one day in advance of the visit with Ms. Saldua in the Guidance office. Review the College Visits binder to find out which college is coming when.
NEXT YEAR'S SCHEDULE	Nov.	Make sure you review the EHS Course Selection Guide carefully so that you understand the contents of the classes you will take in 12th grade. Take challenging classes and continue to build your academic skills.
COLLEGE FAIRS	Throughout the year	Attend a college fair to gain a better insight on the opportunities the various colleges offer: Navy Pier National College Fair 2015, Sept. 26th 11am-3pm Chicago Performing and Visual Arts Fair 2015, Sept 20th 1pm-3:30pm

ECC COLLEGE NIGHT	Oct. 06	Find the college that is right for you! Attend special presentations that will help prepare you for college. Meet with representatives from over 100 colleges and universities. elgin.edu/collegenight ECC Building H 6pm-8pm.
COLLEGE & CAREER 101 FOR PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	Oct. 20	Learn about college/university process, scholarships and financial aid. Become college and career ready. ECC, Bldg. E, Seigle Auditorium 5:30pm to 8pm. elgin.edu/collegereadiness
FINANCIAL AID PROCESS	Nov. 5	ISAC Financial Aid Night is Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm. Attend this informational session and learn about types of financial assistance available.
EXPERIENCE ECC	Feb. 17	Get a feeling for a real college campus, visit classes, talk to current college students, etc. Building G, Spartan Auditorium at 6:00pm elgin.edu/visitecc
RESEARCH College Entrance Requirements	Throughout the year	College prep courses– research what’s needed for your major and/or university you will be attending including SAT/ACT criteria
ACT/PARCC	March	Most Juniors take the ACT for the first time during the later part of the junior year. Create your online account at actstudent.org . Having an online account will allow you to view and send your scores to colleges and universities. PARCC test is aligned to the common core standards. More information to come.
SAT	March-June	If you plan to take the SAT—register via collegeboard.com
REGISTER for AP Advanced Placement Exams	Apr.-May	If you have taken an AP course in the current school year - register for the AP Exam. The tests are held the first two weeks in May.
NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE 6TH SEMESTER TRANSCRIPT	June	If you plan to play sports (div. I & II) in College, the NCAA Clearinghouse requires a 6th semester transcript and ACT/SAT scores. You must complete a <i>transcript release form</i> in the guidance office, pay your fees to the Clearinghouse and complete the NCAA online registration. The transcript will be mailed to the NCAA in early July after all final grades have been updated in the system and a 6th semester GPA is calculated. www.eligibilitycenter.org
COLLEGE BULLETIN BOARD & JOB BOARD in Guidance	Throughout the year	The boards include: financial aid information, college fairs, and open house dates. We post jobs that may become available (i.e. a babysitter is needed; a resident is interested in someone to cut their lawn, etc.). We also post volunteer opportunities.

*****SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR*****

FINALIZE YOUR	July-August	Finalize your college resume so that counselors and teachers can use it at the
VISIT A COLLEGE	Summer	Schedule a few college visits to the colleges that interest you so you can tour the campus and speak with the financial aid office.
COLLEGE ESSAY	Summer	Go online to the colleges you are interested in to see what their essay requirements are. Start working on your college essays early so that you have time to review and critique them.
SCHOLARSHIPS	Summer	Research scholarships for which you might want to apply. Visit particular college/university's financial aid websites or use careerinfonet.org , studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships
MILITARY	Summer	Research different branches: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, National Guard
ACT RETAKE?	Summer	If interested in retaking the ACT, visit actstudent.org to register for the test