

# Stratford High School Counseling Newsletter

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## Important Dates

\*December 9<sup>th</sup>-  
ASVAB Testing for  
students in Grades  
11/12

\*December 9<sup>th</sup>-  
SCSU onsite  
decision day.

Seniors must sign  
up in guidance by  
Dec. 1

\*Dec.1-Financial  
Aid Night 6:30pm in  
SHS cafeteria

\* Apr. 5- Webster  
Bank Arena College  
Fair

**News-** Financial Aid Night is December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 in the SHS cafeteria. Holly Franquet from the College Place will discuss the FAFSA, CSS Profile, and financial planning for college.

The SHS School Counseling Department would like to share that they are sponsoring FAFSA days at SHS. Holly Franquet is working with small groups of senior parents and students and assisting them with the completion of the FAFSA. The first FAFSA day was on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Interested senior families should sign up in the school counseling office and space is limited. Appointments will run on December 6<sup>th</sup> and January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Housatonic High School Partnership Program Spring 2017- Interested junior or senior students can apply to this program and take a course at Housatonic Community College after school. Students should have an overall B average or better and must complete and submit the application by December 30, 2016. \*\*The SHS school counseling office will be closed from Dec. 23-Jan. 2- Students must submit their information to their counselor by December 9<sup>th</sup> in order for it to be processed by the deadline. Classes at HCC begin on January 19<sup>th</sup>

College Deadlines- Attention Seniors please note the SHS school counseling office is closed for the winter break from Dec. 23- Jan. 2. Students that have a January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline **must** inform their school counselor if they have a January 1 deadline by **December 9th** to ensure that school forms are submitted to colleges and universities in a timely fashion.

All ninth graders recently completed their first classroom guidance lesson with Mrs. Martinez. During this lesson students joined the "SHS Class of 2020" Google Classroom, a platform that will be used to communicate guidance updates and helpful resources to students. Freshman also logged on to *Naviance*, *Family Connection* for the first time this year. There students completed the Career Interest Profiler, a tool that helps students to discover the types of work activities and careers that match their interests. To complete the lesson students saved at least three careers of interest to their list based off the survey results.

**How Do I Access My Counselor or My Child's Counselor?**- Students and parents should be advised of the procedure to schedule an appointment with their child's school counselor. Students can sign up on their counselor's office door during a study hall or they can contact their school counselor through email. Parents are welcome to also contact their child's school counselor via email or by contacting the school counseling office 203-385-4235 to set up an appointment.

**Who is My School Counselor?** We currently have five full time school counselors at Stratford High School. One school counselor solely works with the entire 9th grade in order to assist them with the transition to high school. The **9th grade counselor is Lauren Martinez**. The remaining four counselors manage a caseload that is split alphabetically.

<b>Alyce Borgersen</b>	A-Dn	Grade 10	<b>Amy Connelly</b>	Do-La	Grade 10
	A-C	Grade 11		D-Je	Grade11
	A-D	Grade 12		E-L	Grade 12
<b>Patricia Morrissey</b>	Le-P	Grade 10	<b>Dawn DiDonato</b>	R-Z	Grade 10

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## Testing Information

All Juniors will take the SAT during the school day on April 5<sup>th</sup> as part of state testing.

PSAT results will be coming back in December. School counselors will meet with their students to review the results.

PSAT 8/9 results will be coming back in December. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade counselor will meet with the freshman in groups to review their results and score report.

### **SAT Information**

Students must sign up online through their College Board Account to register for the SAT and have score reports sent to colleges and universities. Website [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) Students who receive Free/Reduced Lunch are eligible to use a fee waiver for the test. See your school counselor for further information.

**JAN 21 test date the deadline to register is DEC 21**

**MAR 11 test date the deadline to register is FEB 10**

**MAY 6 test date the deadline to register is APR 7**

**JUN 3 test date the deadline to register is MAY 9**

### **ACT information**

Students must sign up online through an ACT account at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**FEB 11 test the deadline to register is JAN 6**

**APR 8 test the deadline to register is MAR 3**

**JUN 10 test the deadline to register is MAY 5**

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### **NAVIANCE**

- Students should become familiar with Naviance.
- Students and families can research careers, scholarships, and college and universities through Naviance.
- Students can log into their account by accessing the link on the SHS website