

SCHOOL COUNSELING & WELLNESS CENTER

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COUNSELING CENTER UPDATES

IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/11 Early Dismissal—1:30 p.m.
- 10/14 Schools Closed—Columbus Day
- 10/18 Transcript Request Due to Registrar
for November 1st Application Deadline
- 10/18 Homecoming
- 10/19 PSAT—8:00 a.m.
- 10/26 ACT-8:00 a.m.

AP Students:

The window for online payments for AP exams is now open and will close on October 29th! This is much earlier than in past years as College Board has changed their process. Any late payments will incur a \$40 late fee assigned by the College Board. Payments are only accepted online through Rank One Sports at [JFK HS Online Store](#).

Come Visit Us

As always our office will assist students through academic, social and emotional needs. We offer additional after-hours support for J.F.K. students and their families

Wednesday's from 2:30 pm~5:00 pm.

Please call the office to
make an appointment ~516.992.1420.

PSAT Information

Students registered for the exam should arrive at **Kennedy at 7:45 AM with #2 pencils and a calculator on Saturday, October 19th.** PSAT scores will be in by mid-December. Your scores will be sent via the e-mail you provided on the college board. Your test booklet will be returned along with an answer key. This material should be utilized in an effort to prepare students to take the SAT Reasoning test later this school year for Juniors and next year for Sophomores.



SENIORS



WE KNOW YOU ARE IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING TO COLLEGES, BUT BEFORE YOU HIT SEND, BE SURE THAT YOU REVIEW YOUR APPLICATIONS THOROUGHLY. REVIEW FOR SPELLING AND GRAMMATICAL ERRORS AND ENSURE THE DATA YOU ENTER IS ACCURATE. YOUR APPLICATION REPRESENTS YOU AND YOUR ATTENTION TO DETAIL. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED ANY HELP, WE ARE ALWAYS HERE TO ASSIST.

College Applications Please be sure to fill out a transcript request form found in the Registrar's Office and indicate each college you intend to apply to. Then submit this form to the Registrar's Office with your activity sheet. Without this form filled out, counselors do not know to send your transcripts to the schools you are applying to. Please make sure that your colleges are entered in Naviance under the college tab in 'colleges I am applying to'. Lastly, don't forget to send your ACT/SAT scores to all of the colleges to which you are applying. Log onto www.ACT.org and/or www.Collegeboard.org to do so. Please see your counselor with any questions.

Financial Aid

Students and their parents should complete and submit financial aid forms as soon as possible to ensure a prompt response from the colleges of your choice. Financial aid forms can be obtained at colleges official websites. The financial aid forms you should be considering are:

1.) **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):**

The majority of colleges of scholarship programs will require this form. There is no fee involved in filing. They are available now online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov

2.) **TAP (NY State Tuition Assistance Program):**

TAP is used for students planning to attend a New York state school either public or private. You will become eligible for TAP automatically by filing a FAFSA form. You will then receive a supplemental TAP form in the mail to complete. This will be done automatically unless you check the portion of the FAFSA in which you refuse to release information to federal programs.

3.) **CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service Profile):**

This form is required by a limited number of colleges and is used primarily to distribute each specific college's funds. Make sure to see if the schools you are applying to require this form. The CSS profile can be found at: <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile> and there is a link to a listing of all the participating institutions found on the right hand side of this web page.

JUNIORS

OCTOBER IS SURE TO BRING MANY ACTIVITIES HELD ON KENNEDY'S CAMPUS. WHILE JUNIOR YEAR IS AN IMPORTANT ACADEMIC YEAR, IT IS ALSO JUST AS IMPERATIVE TO STAY INVOLVED AND HAVE FUN! AS ALWAYS, CONTACT YOUR COUNSELOR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

SAT/ACT

Juniors typically take the SAT's & ACT's in the spring (May and June). It is essential that you prepare for these exams. Please check your e-mails for information on SAT/Act Prep Courses offered. As always, keep in contact with your counselor if you should have any questions or concerns.

SAT Reasoning Test

To register log on to the College Board web-site at www.collegeboard.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline
November 2, 2019	October 3, 2019 (10/22 with late fee)
December 7, 2019	November 7, 2019 (11/25 with late fee)

ACT Reasoning Test

To register log on to the ACT web-site at www.act.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019 (10/3 with late fee)
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019 (11/22 with late fee)

SOPHOMORES

WE HOPE YOU ARE GETTING INVOLVED AND PARTICIPATING IN ALL THE ORGANIZED EVENTS THAT ARE PLANNED IN OCTOBER. REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, DON'T HESITATE TO VISIT AND/OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

HOBY—HUGH O'BRIAN STATE LEADERSHIP SEMINAR FOR OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORES

HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop our Global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. Are you a leader among your peers? Are you interested in participating in a weekend conference? If so, please pick up an application and speak to Mrs. Coco in the Counseling Center.

Seminar Location: Adelphi University, New York

Seminar Dates: June 5, 2020 - June 7, 2020

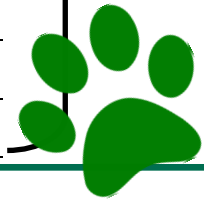
Clubs/Activities

We reiterate the importance of getting involved in our extracurricular program. The benefits include building character, self-confidence and friendships; they also can be a lot of fun!!! Additionally, most colleges want to see that students are involved in their school and community. Remember, it is a requirement for the National Honor Society. You need to be a member of two activities per year. So, be sure to join a sport (or two) and/or participate in clubs and organizations in our school.

You can find a list of the clubs on our website or [here](#).

Find your counselor

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Mrs. Germaine	A– Coh	A– Cl
Mrs. Coco	Col—Gi	Co—H
Mr. Grasso	Go– Le	I– Luc
Ms. Berger	Li– Pel	Lui– Pet
Mrs. Ranallo	Pep—Sil	Pey—Soe
Mr. Sansanelli	Sin—Z	Sol—Z



FRESHMEN

COUNSELORS WILL BE VISITING YOUR CLASSROOMS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 21ST. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU AND HELP ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE IN YOUR FIRST COUPLE MONTHS OF HIGH SCHOOL. HOWEVER, IN THE MEANTIME IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO COME AND SEE US.

National Honor Society

In addition to an 87.5 unweighted average, eligible students are expected to be actively engaged in a variety of school activities in order to demonstrate school service and leadership. Involvement should last throughout the year, and students must show a strong on-going commitment to the club/team by attending meetings and participating in the planned activities. Advisors and coaches are asked to rate all eligible students on their level of commitment and leadership. School service is important each year; therefore, students are encouraged to get involved in ninth grade and continue this involvement throughout their high school career.

Activities

One of the best ways to get the most out of High School is by joining after school activities. Whether it is a particular sport or club, Kennedy has something to offer everyone. Joining a club or sport is also a great way to meet people who share similar interests. Click [here](#) for a list of clubs available. GET INVOLVED!

Late Bus Schedule

Late bus transportation is available when you stay after school. Late buses depart daily at 3:30 PM and 5:00 PM. All late buses are adjacent to the flag pole in the faculty parking lot. For further information, please contact the Attendance Office.

COLLEGE VISITS

College Representatives Visiting JFK 2019

This is an opportunity to learn more about a school and make a great impression. If you are interested in any of these colleges, it is highly encouraged you attend and demonstrate your interest. Most of the representatives are the admissions counselors that will read your application. Please see the list of representatives visiting in October and register [here](#) on your Naviance account if you are interested.

On-Site Admissions—Save the Dates

The following colleges will be holding onsite admissions events at Kennedy High School. Please see your counselor for more information and to register.

LIU Post - Tuesday, November 18th
 SUNY Farmingdale - Wednesday, November 20th
 Hofstra University - Tuesday, December 3rd
 Nassau CC - Friday, December 6th
 Adelphi University - Tuesday, December 10th
 St. John's University - Wednesday, December 11th
(More details to follow in the next newsletter)

10/15	Sacred Heart University
10/16	Boston University Western New England University Michigan State University Dartmouth College
10/17	University of Michigan University At Buffalo (SUNY)
10/21	Vanderbilt University Washington University in St. Louis University of Pittsburgh SUNY Fredonia Stony Brook University
10/22	Columbia University
10/23	Brandeis University Quinnipiac University
10/24	Farleigh Dickenson Univ.—Metro Campus Marymount Manhattan College
10/28	The New School—All Divisions Farmingdale State College
10/29	University of Maine Rider University
10/30	SUNY College at Geneseo Ohio Wesleyan University
10/31	Johnson & Wales University—Providence University of Rochester SUNY College at Cobleskill

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

www.highpoint.edu

Quick Facts:

Location: High Point, North Carolina

Affiliation: Private university affiliated with the Methodist church

Campus Setting: Suburban

Admissions: GPA: B+ and above

Standardized Test: SAT 1170; ACT: 24

Enrollment: 4,400; 93% live on campus

Student/Faculty Ratio: 15:1;

Cost: \$47,500

Strongest Academic Programs: Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services; Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs; Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies; Biological and Biomedical Sciences; and Visual and Performing Arts.

Campus Life:

- “Dorms are like Palaces”
- There is a five star Steakhouse Learning lab on Campus where student practice etiquette and social skills they can use in professional networking and interview setting.
- Undergraduates are required to complete a general education requirement, which provides students with a well-rounded liberal arts background and allows for a range of course choices within each discipline.
- The Slane Student Center is a hub of student activity on campus, housing fitness and recreation facilities, a climbing wall, food court, an outdoor swimming pool, sand volleyball courts and an atrium with billiard tables and sitting areas

(Facts and information were gathered from HPU website, Princeton Review & 2016 Fisk Guide to colleges)

