



POST-SECONDARY NEWS

John Hersey High School

August 2019

Hello Parents!

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! We have some exciting changes in our office this year. First, in order to make sure we are meeting the needs of all students, District 214 is moving towards the use of the term “post-secondary” in place of “college and career.” We may be using these words interchangeably throughout the year, but they both refer to any and all options students have for life after Hersey. In another change, the new Post-secondary Counselor (formerly known as the College & Career Counselor) this year is Mr. Christopher Chiakulas, who is taking over from Mrs. Davis who has retired. Mr. Chiakulas comes from a background that includes being a high school teacher, Career and Tech Ed Coordinator, academic advisor to undergraduate college students, generalist school counselor, and for the last four years the College and Career Counselor for students in grades 6-12 in Round Lake District 116. “Mr. C” is excited to work with all JHHS students and their families!

As the year begins your student will be busy with classes, homework, after-school activities and/or part-time work. While these are vital activities, it is also important for your student to take the time to explore what they want to do after high school. Please help your student plan for their future by bringing them to some of the upcoming D214 post-secondary (college/career) events listed in the calendar below. Look through this list now, identify events targeted to your student’s age and add them to your family calendar. As the date for each program draws near, we will provide you with more detailed information in future newsletters, our website, emails, and new this year – our social media sites (see below!). In the meantime, please feel free to call or email for an appointment or to ask specific questions.

We’re looking forward to a great year!

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D214 Post-secondary Counseling Calendar: 2019-20

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME & PLACE</u>	<u>TARGET AUDIENCE</u>
September			
Tuesday 17	Career Night: Arts & Communications/ Human Services	6:30-9:00 p.m. Prospect HS	9-12 Parents & Students
Wednesday 18	Financial Aid Seminar for Seniors Mark Anderson, Lake Forest College	7:00 p.m. Rolling Meadows HS	12 Parents & Students
Thursday 26	Career Night: Health/Natural Resources	6:30-9:00 p.m. Wheeling HS	9-12 Parents & Students
Thursday 26	<i>District 211 First Generation Symposium with Spanish translation</i>	6:30-8:00 pm Palatine HS	11-12 Parents & Students
October			
Wednesday 02	Directions College & Career Fair (D214, D211 and D220)	6:00-8:00 p.m. FVEC - Field House	10-12 Parents & Students
Saturday 05	<i>NACAC College Fair</i>	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. <i>McCormick Place, Chicago</i>	10-12 Parents & Students
Thursday 10	FAFSA Completion Night	Wheeling H.S. - Library 6:30pm & 7:45pm	12 Parents & Students
Sunday 20	<i>National Portfolio Day</i>	10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. <i>School of The Art Institute of Chicago</i>	10-12 Parents & Students
Tuesday 15	Career Night: Engineering & Industrial Technology/Business & Computers	6:30-9:00 p.m. Rolling Meadows	9-12 Parents & Students
Tuesday 22	FAFSA Completion Night	Wheeling H.S. - Library 6:30pm & 7:45pm	12 Parents & Students
Wednesday 23	College and Career Ready Night	Forest View Educational Center	
Wednesday 23	District 211 College Fair	6:00-8:00 p.m. Palatine HS	11-12 Parents & Students
Thursday 24	<i>NACAC Performing & Visual Arts College Fair</i>	7-9 p.m. <i>UIC Forum: Chicago</i>	10-12 Parents & Students
November			
Wednesday 13	FAFSA Completion Night	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Elk Grove High School - Computer Lab	12 Parents & students
Tuesday 5	Skilled Trades Fair	10:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Rolling Meadows HS	9-12 Students
Friday 22	<i>Latino Summit</i>	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. <i>Harper College</i>	9-10 Students
Tuesday 19	Advising the Student Athlete (for students considering college athletics) - Maureen Harty, College Conference for Illinois & Wisconsin	7:00 p.m. FVEC - Theatre	9-12 Parents & Students

Key: **Bolded items are D214 Events; Italicized events are non-D214 events.**

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SOCIAL MEDIA SITES (NEW!)

A great way for students – *and parents* – to get up-to-date information, event reminders and photos, resources, and much more is to follow the JHHS post-secondary social media sites! Some statistics show teens are spending over 9 hours a day in front of a screen, with more than 2 of those hours on social media. If students are on it already, why not encourage them to use it for educational purposes as well?

Follow us here:

Twitter: @LifeAfterHersey

Facebook page: Search “Life After Hersey”

Instagram: @Life_After_Hersey

Snapchat: @LifeAfterHersey



Note: If students are apprehensive to follow us because they think we are “spying” on them, please be assured that we will not follow students back. However, college admission reps, college coaches, scholarship committees, and employers may be looking at your student’s social media site(s) and making crucial decisions based on what they see! Students should always think before they post!



Each year, the John Hersey High School Student Services Department offers parent programs on academic, social/emotional and post-secondary options-related topics. **Our first post-secondary presentation will be:**

Senior Parent Presentation: Kick-off to College Applications!

Tuesday, August 27th, 7 p.m., JHHS Theatre

This session covers everything parents of seniors need to know to guide a student through the process of finalizing a college list, college applications, and financial aid & scholarships. While students are welcome to attend, this presentation summarizes information seniors will receive in classroom sessions this fall.

Stay tuned for more information on the following presentations to be held later in the semester: **Finding the Right Fit** (Junior Parents) and **So You Want to Go to College?** (Freshmen/Sophomores and their parents)

COLLEGE REP VISITS

More than 100 different colleges will visit JHHS this fall to meet with juniors and seniors. Students find these visits a great way to find colleges of interest and to express their interest to the college admissions officers. Scheduled visits will be listed in Naviance, in the morning announcements, on the bulletin board just outside the College Career Center, and via social media. If the visit is during the student’s free periods, the student simply comes to the CCC. If the student has a class, they must pick up a pass from the CCC and have it signed by their teacher first.

COLLEGE FAIRS – FALL 2019



College fairs are a great way to learn more about colleges and universities. Admission representatives from a variety of schools are gathered in one place, ready to talk about their course offerings, student life, admission and financial aid. While it is never too early to attend a college fair and start gathering information, fall college fairs are typically geared towards seniors who are finalizing their college lists and in the middle of the application process.

Listed below are some local college fairs for the fall of 2019:

Colleges That Change Lives College Fair

Sunday, August 18

11:00am

Lincolnshire Marriott Resort

Salons A-H

10 Marriott Drive

Lincolnshire, IL 60069

5:00pm

Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel

Savoy A-G

3000 Warrenville Road

Lisle, IL 60532

<https://ctcl.org/chicago-il-august-18-2019/>

Maine Township College Fair

Thursday, September 12

6:30-8:30pm

Maine West High School

1755 S. Wolf Road

Des Plaines, IL 60018

NACAC College Fair - Chicago

Saturday, October 5

11am – 3pm

McCormick Place

2301 S. King Dr.

Chicago, IL

<https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/chicago-national-college-fair/>

NACAC College Fair - Milwaukee

Sunday, October 6

12-3pm

Wisconsin Center

400 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53203

<https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/milwaukee-national-college-fair/>

College of Lake County Fair

Thursday, October 10

6 - 8 p.m.

College of Lake County

19351 W Washington St

Grayslake, IL 60030

Chicago National Portfolio Day

(for students majoring in the visual arts)

Sunday, October 20

10am – 2pm

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

280 S Columbus Dr

Chicago, IL

<http://www.saic.edu/t4/admissions/undergraduate/events/admissions-events/all-portfolio-days/>

NACAC Performing and Visual Arts Fair

Thursday, October 24

Time TBD

UIC Forum

725 W Roosevelt Rd

Chicago, IL

<https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/pva/chicago-performing-and-visual-arts-college-fair/>