FRESHMEN INFORMATION BULLETIN - WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24

HOMECOMING WEEK - “GO LITTLE HAWKS“

394 9th grade Little Hawks are off to a great start at City High – academics are strong, freshmen are participating in activities and joining clubs - Keep up the good work Freshmen!!

1. DATES OF INTEREST TO FRESHMEN

   Sept 25 Final Freshmen Advisory (ALFA – Ambassador Led Freshmen Advisory)
   Oct 3 Midterm of Trimester 1
   Oct 4 Parent Conferences 3:30-7:00 (Drop-in basis: teachers in classrooms)
      “College and Career Planning” Mini Sessions – 6:00-7:00
   Oct 4 “Exploring College Options” (info in bulletin)
   Oct 5 and 8 No School for students or teachers
   Oct 10 Parent Conferences 4:30-7:30 (Drop-in basis: teachers in classrooms)
   Oct 15 Last day to drop a trimester 1 class with a “W”, without an “F”

2. COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO CITY HIGH FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

   (Students may sign up in advance in the Guidance Office to talk with a representative and receive a pass from class)
   (The full calendar of college representative visits is available on the City High Guidance website- check it for all future visits)

   Sept 24 Johns Hopkins University 2:15
   Sept 25 Carleton College 10:45
   Sept 26 Quincey College 9:15
   Sept 26 Columbia College-Chicago 10:30
   Sept 26 St Ambrose University 2:15
   Sept 27 Simpson College 10:30
   Sept 28 St Olaf College 10:00
   Oct 2 University of Iowa 10:00

3. “College and Career Planning” Mini-sessions

   The first night of Parent Conferences, Oct 4th, the Guidance Department has planned a series of ‘mini-sessions’ for parents on college and career planning.

   6:00-6:20 Sessions 1. State (Regents) Universities (UI, ISU, UNI) Cafeteria
      2. Kirkwood Community College Little Theater
      3. Apprenticeships and Career/tech/skill programs South classroom Library

   6:20 - 6:30 Transition and Q/A
4. STANDARDIZED TESTING FOR GRADES 9 – 11
As you may be aware, the ICCSD has changed from the District-wide Iowa Assessment testing in October to District-wide Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress testing in April. The test date is April 16. More information will be available later.

5. EXPLORING COLLEGE OPTIONS
Exploring College Options is a special recruitment program sponsored by the undergraduate admissions offices of five of the country’s leading universities: Duke University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Stanford University. At this program, representatives from the five universities will conduct brief slide presentations about their institution and answer your questions about the sometimes-mystifying world of college admissions.
You will learn what distinguishes one university from another, what competitive colleges look for in the selection process, and what you can do to enhance your college application. The program starts at 7:00 pm and typically lasts approximately one and one hour. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about selective, competitive universities/colleges and talk with admissions representatives to get answers to your questions. The program is at the Doubletree Hotel in Cedar Rapids- October 4, 7:00, and is for students and/or parents. The link for registration is:
https://uapply.georgetown.edu/register/CedarRapidsECO2018#_ga=2.50999017.1785151909.15371363%2075-1892468898.1536308822

6. ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST REGISTRATION
For your advance planning, registration for AP examinations will be October 9 through November 2. Even though the AP Testing is in May, College Board has changed the registration process/timeline and students planning to take an AP Test(s) in May are required to make the commitment and pay by the November deadline. AP teachers will be providing additional registration information.

7. RESOURCES
Resources on career, college and financial planning you may find helpful.
Iowa College Aid https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/
High School Counselor Weekly (good information on a variety of future planning, college planning and financial aid/scholarships – national publication www.hscounselorweek.com/
BigFuture.collegeboard.org https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
Iowa College Access Network (ICAN)
www.actstudent.org
ACT college search
www.actstudent.org/college/checklist
www.actstudent.org/careers
www.collegeboard.com
www.fafsa.ed.gov
FastWeb
Scholarships.com
SchoolSoup
Iowa Colleges and Universities
Iowa’s Private Colleges and Universities
CollegeNET
The College Board
www.PrincetonReview.com/schoolsearch
NCAA.org/eligibilitycenter