

March/April 2018 Counseling Newsletter

Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

February 27 th	ACT Test – All Juniors
February 28 th	ACT WorkKeys – All Juniors
March 9 th	ACT registration deadline - Retake
5 th -9 th	Spring Break - No School
15 th	Air Force during lunches in cafetorium
20 th	Make up for ACT Test
20 th	Marines during lunches in cafetorium
21 st	Make up for ACT WorkKeys
21 st	Local scholarships due
	Bloodmobile
23 rd	End of Term 3
26 th	No School
27 th	First day of Term 4
27 th	Army during lunches in cafetorium
28 th	Last day to make 4 th term schedule changes
30 th	No School
April 4 th	Forward Test (sophomores only)
14 th	ACT Test – National test date (not required)
23 rd	Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4:30-7:00
	Current Freshmen Parent Meeting at 6:30 in IMC

2018 Regional Placement Testing

The 2018 Regional Placement Testing for students entering the UW System has begun. Students can go to www.testing.wisc.edu/ and click on the Regional Placement Testing Program button. The placement tests are used for placing new freshmen into the appropriate English and Math levels. Students also have the option to test in a foreign language as well. Testing occurs on Saturday mornings through the months of March & April. Some UW colleges have already sent out registration information for the tests but many have not. If you have any further questions contact the EHS Counseling office.

8th Grade High School Tour

On Friday, April 13th, 2018, all 8th graders will come to the high school for the morning. Students will meet and listen to EHS Staff and will get a tour of the school. This is a great opportunity for the 8th graders to start the process of moving from the middle school to the high school.

YRBS: Youth Risk Behavior Survey underway!

During April, students will be participating in an Online Youth Risk Behavior Survey. All students 9-12 are asked to participate. Why is the survey being done? EHS will use the survey results to help measure how many youth engage in health-risk behaviors. The survey results will be used to create school health programs to help reduce these risk behaviors and promote health enhancing behaviors. This survey allows us to find areas we need to improve on and gives us data for grants which can help fund these programs. An informational letter was attached to mid-term grade reports. If you do not want your child to participate, please return the opt-out form by March 30th.

Scholarship and Academic Awards Night

The Awards Program will be held on Sunday, May 20th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Students will be notified by mail if they will be receiving an award. Dress for this event is semi-formal.

Summer School

Plans for Summer School will begin in May. Summer school will be held from June 11th through June 29th. If a student has failed a required Science, English or Social Studies class, they will be notified of their registration for summer school. There is no cost. Transportation is the student's/family's responsibility, however, there will be buses available because of swimming lessons/elementary-middle school summer school. There will be a schedule of routes published in the Pierce County Herald in May.

Early College Credit Program (ECCP) and Start College Now, formerly known as Youth Options, gives students an opportunity to attend a Wisconsin post-secondary institution (UWRF, CVTC, and WITC) for the purpose of taking one or more courses for high school and/or college credit. Classes chosen must be 80% different than what is offered at EHS. The maximum college credits a student may take while enrolled at EHS is 18 credits.

- ECCP is open to EHS students in grades 9th - 12th. Start College Now is **ONLY** open to EHS students in grades 11th and 12th.
- New to ECCP **ONLY** students will have the opportunity to enroll in summer classes at UWRF (Wisconsin post-secondary institution) beginning summer 2019.
- New to both ECCP **AND** Start College Now: Each Wisconsin post-secondary institution requires their own form to enroll. Forms can be found in the counseling office.

If interested, students must notify the school district by October 1st for spring enrollment and March 1st for fall enrollment.

Local Scholarships

Most local scholarships are due March 21st, 2018 **unless noted on the application**. Numerous scholarships have March and April deadlines. Students should pick up applications in the Counseling office.

Scholarships should be typed or printed neatly.

NOTE: If the application indicates it is to be handwritten, it must be.

Scholarships using the "common application" form can be completed by accessing the application on the EHS Counseling website.

Other Scholarships

Pierce Pepin Cooperative Electrical Line Worker Scholarship	Due: March 15, 2018
Compeer Financial Scholarship	Due: March 16, 2018
Countryside Cooperative Scholarship	Due: March 23, 2018
Republican Party of Pierce County Liberty Scholarship	Due: March 31, 2018
Vietnam Veterans of America Scholarship	Due: April 1, 2018
Pierce County Historical Assoc. Scholarship	Due: April 1, 2018
Wisconsin Restaurant Assoc. Education Scholarship	Due: April 1, 2018

Manufacturing Works Scholarship
Carrie Crystal Stuckert Memorial Scholarship
Ab Nicholas Scholarship Foundation

Due: April 2, 2018
Due: April 24, 2018
Due: April 30, 2018

Reciprocity Applications

Minnesota-Wisconsin reciprocity applications are available on-line. Any student attending a public college in Minnesota must apply for reciprocity prior to attending. Students should go to the following website to enroll: www.heab.wisconsin.gov/mnwiapp.html.

Other scholarship programs – For more information, please see www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu.

- ✚ **Academic Excellence Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded to the high school senior who has the highest grade point average in their graduating class. The number at each high school is determined by the high school enrollment. The value of the scholarship is \$2,250 per year to be applied towards tuition.
- ✚ **Technical Excellence Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded by the State of Wisconsin to Wisconsin high school seniors who have the highest demonstrated level of proficiency in technical education subjects. The scholarships are only for use at a school within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) located within the state. The value of the scholarship is up to \$2,250 per year, to be applied towards tuition. Students wishing to be considered for the TES need to meet eligibility criteria set by the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) and will need to be nominated by their school.
- ✚ **Hearing & Visually Impaired Student Grant:** Students who show financial need and have a severe or profound hearing or visual impairment may qualify. The award is up to \$1,800 per year for up to 10 semesters.
- ✚ **Indian Student Assistance Program:** Wisconsin residents who are at least 25% Native American and enrolled in a Wisconsin higher education institution are eligible. Award amounts vary.
- ✚ **Talent Incentive Grant (TIP):** The TIP grant provides assistance to the most financially needy and educationally disadvantaged Wisconsin students attending college. First time freshmen students are nominated for the TIP Grant by the school financial aid office..
- ✚ **Teacher of the Visually Impaired Loan:** The Teacher of the Visually Impaired Loan Program provides loans to Wisconsin residents who are enrolled at least half-time in a program that prepares them to be licensed teachers of the visually impaired.
- ✚ **Contract For Dental Education – Marquette University:** This program allows a small number of students to attend the Marquette University School of Dentistry and receive tuition subsidization of \$8,753.
- ✚ **Medical College of Wisconsin Capitation Program – Medical College of Wisconsin:** Provides tuition assistance to a finite number of Wisconsin residents enrolled full-time in the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) program at the Medical College of Wisconsin.
- ✚ **Teacher Education Loan – Milwaukee Public Schools:** The Teacher Education Loan program provides loans to Wisconsin residents enrolled in the teacher education programs at the Milwaukee Teacher Education Center (MTEC) The student who receives this loan must agree to teach in the Milwaukee Public School district. For each year taught in the school district, 25% of the loan is forgiven.
- ✚ **Nursing Student Loan Program:** Available to Wisconsin residents who are enrolled at least half-time at an eligible in-state institution that prepares them to be licensed as nurses, either RN or LPN. Recipients must agree to work as a licensed nurse in Wisconsin. Total maximum award is \$15,000 (\$250-\$3,000 per year).

Tips For Applying For Financial Aid

- ✚ Apply online! The processing is 1-2 weeks. The paper version processing time is 4-6 weeks. www.fafsa.ed.gov. **Be careful to match this address exactly. There are numerous fraudulent sites that charge fees. This application is free.**
- ✚ Apply as early as possible after October 1, 2017.
- ✚ Use **completed** tax returns.
- ✚ Meet college priority filing deadlines.
- ✚ Keep a copy of all records.
- ✚ **Do not** omit the driver license or the drug conviction question.
- ✚ Be aware that information on 2018-2019 financial aid applications are potentially matched with data in Social Security, Immigration, Selective Service, Student Loan Systems, Veteran's Administration and Child Support program databases.

Summer Opportunities

Students and parents are encouraged to come to the Counseling Office and view the Summer Opportunities book. There are many different sports, music, and academic camps and programs available to students throughout the summer months.

UW-Stout Art & Design Camp – Choose from 3 tracks: Game Design, Interior Design or Studio Art. Stay in the dorms and enjoy a week on campus while being immersed in the fields of art and design. This camp is for students entering grades 9-12 in Fall 2018 and is held June 17-21, 2018. Cost is \$450.00. Register at www.uwstout.edu/profed/design-camp.

UW-STEM Camp – Learn about and build rockets or drones. Enjoy a week on campus learning and having fun with science, technology, engineering and mathematics faculty. This camp is for students entering grades 9-10 in Fall 2018 and is held June 17-21, 2018. Cost is \$450.00. Register at www.uwstout.edu/profed/design-camp.

Student Opportunities

Materials Camp at University of Minnesota is a four day, summer camp utilizing hands-on learning principles of materials engineering. The camp will be held June 19-22, 2018. This camp is for students entering their Junior or Senior year in Fall 2018. There is no cost to attend, however, students must arrange their own transportation to the U of M each day. Applications are due by March 31st. The website is: www.mnasm.org/camp. For more information, please see your school counselor.

University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy – The Pharmacy Summer Program is a three-day summer program (July 31- August 4, 2018) for rising high school juniors and seniors interested in learning more about pharmacy careers and the UW-Madison Doctor of Pharmacy Program. The deadline is March 30, 2018. For more information, please see Mrs. Goodman in Room 209.

UW-Madison School of Pharmacy – Any student who is interested in a degree in Pharmacy is invited to attend a Pharmacy Preview Day at UW-Madison on Sat. April 14th. Cost is \$10/person. For more information, please see Mrs. Goodman in Room 209.

Campus Visits

UW-Green Bay	March 30 th & April 13 th
UW-LaCrosse	April 27 th
UW-Oshkosh	April 6 th
UW-River Falls	March 23 rd & 24 th , April 6 th , 27 th & April 28 th

UW-Stevens Point

April 21st

UW-Stout

March 23rd & 24th, April 6th & 13th

Dakota County Technical College campus visits are held every Tuesday afternoon from 12:45pm to 2:30pm.