

GHS Counseling Monthly Update

February Deets from the Den

A Look Back at January

- Semester 2 is underway and we hope you enjoyed the shortest month of the school year!
- The Counseling department hosted the Post-Secondary Workforce Readiness (PWR) Workshop on January 23rd. Information from the sessions can be found here: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/13260>
- Grandview hosted a wonderful event for incoming 9th graders and their families on January 24th. We look forward to welcoming more wolves to the den in Fall 2023!

Registration for the 2023-24 School Year

- Counselors will be busy working with students to register for their classes for the 2023-24 school year throughout the month of February! Please plan to discuss course selection options with your students over the next several weeks.
- February 6th & 7th, counselors will work with 9th and 10th graders through Science Classes.
- February 14th & 15th, counselors will work with 11th graders in English classes.
- Teachers will enter course recommendations in PowerSchool, now through February 17th.
- Powerschool registration will open to students to input courses on February 23rd.
- February 28th/March 1st, counselors will work with 9th & 10th graders to verify course choices.
- March 6th & 7th, counselors will work with Juniors to verify course choices.
- The Grandview Course Registration Guide 2023-24 is a great tool to use with your students as they choose courses for next year and can be found here: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/4475>
- Still have questions about Registration? Use our resources here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SvUU3ays2ye3Lw7ToX1vTEnlarpjPFz2nwg0Qp09Afg/edit>

College Application Process

FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid opened **October 1st!**

- Visit the [FAFSA WEBSITE](#) to begin the application process.
- Need help getting started? [Check out these 8 steps to filling out the FAFSA.](#)

Letters of Recommendation: You **MUST** give your teacher at least **10 school days** notice before a letter of recommendation is due. Teacher letters are due two weeks prior to transcript request deadlines. We have a 4 step process for ensuring that your letter of recommendation is completed correctly.

- **Step 1-** Student completes Teacher/Counselor Conversation Starter in Naviance. Students should waive rights to see your letter of recommendation. Print off the survey once it is completed. (About Me > Survey > Surveys From Your School)
- **Step 2-** Student schedules time to meet with teacher/counselor and go over your request. Print out and deliver survey from Step 1.
- **Step 3-** Student confirms with TEACHER that the letter has been written and uploaded in Naviance.
- **Step 4-** Once your letter of recommendation has been uploaded to Naviance by your teacher, you can submit your transcript request form to the post grad office two working weeks prior to application deadlines. (Be aware of Thanksgiving and Winter Break. We DO NOT work during that time).

Transcript Deadlines: Transcript request forms **MUST** be submitted to Ms. Holeman in the post grad center no later than 10 school days prior to the College/University deadline.

- **Mid-Year Transcript Requests:** If your student is in need of mid-year transcripts for college applications, they are now available. Mid-year transcripts include 1st semester Senior grades. To request a mid-year transcript, students will need to complete a PINK Mid-Year Transcript Request Form (these are available NOW and can be found in the Post Grad Center) and submit to Ms. Holeman in Post Grad.

Scholarships

- **The Coolidge Scholarship (for Current Juniors)** application deadline is now just three weeks away -February 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM Eastern time. The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship that may be used by recipients for undergraduate study at any accredited college or university in the United States. Any current high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2023 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply (current high school seniors are not eligible to apply). Winners may use the scholarship to pursue any academic major. Academic excellence is the primary criterion considered by the Coolidge Scholarship. Secondary criteria include an interest in public policy and an appreciation of the values President Coolidge championed. Successful candidates will also demonstrate humility and have a record of genuine service to their communities. A complete description of the scholarship's criteria and application is available here: <https://coolidgescholars.org/about/>
- Naviance (tile can be found on your my.cherrycreek login) is a great tool to find various scholarships. Click on Colleagues > Scholarships and Money.

- Seniors should be visiting the Financial Aid & Scholarship pages at each college/university you have applied to. This will continue to be the best place to find financial aid and scholarship resources and information.
- **Do you qualify as a dreamer?** Need help with financial aid. Check out this scholarship opportunity - <https://thedream.us>
- Need help understanding your **financial aid award letters**? See the attached handout below for a guide to the common language of award letters.

PSAT/SAT Testing April 12, 2023

- Grandview Juniors will be taking the state mandated (free) SAT on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at Grandview High School. Because this date is during the celebration of Ramadan, students who observe this holiday have two options if they do not wish to participate in the primary test date on April 12. Students can take the test during the makeup administration on April 25, 2023 at Grandview, or take the test on March 11, 2023 which is an SAT weekend administration. Students who choose to take the test on March 11 should see their counselor as soon as possible. Vouchers are available to these students, but they need to be requested by Wednesday, February 8.
- Attached is the *Get to Know the SAT - A Guide for Students* for your reference.
- Please note, 9th graders will be taking the PSAT9 and 10th graders will be taking the PSAT10 on this testing day.
- Each student has access to FREE, personalized practice which can be accessed here: <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

Academic Resources Available at Grandview and FAQ's

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 1. **MTC** (Math Tutoring Center): L204, Open M-Th for drop-ins the 2nd half of every period
 2. **GROWL** (Grandview's Reading, Organizing and Writing Lab): U207, Open M-Th for drop-ins the 1st half of every period
 3. **Social Studies**: U307, Open M-Th for drop-ins the 1st half of every period
 4. **Science**: L204, Open M-Th for drop-ins the 1st half of every period
 5. **Math/Science Testing Center**: L205, Open daily from 7:30am-4:40pm
 6. **English/SS/World Language Testing Center**: U206, Open daily from 7:15 am-4:30 pm (closes early some Thursdays)
 7. **Library**: Open daily 7:30-4:30pm. 3 study rooms are available to use for group study (first come first served).
- If you have questions or concerns about any of your child's grades or courses, please reach out to the teacher directly via email. You can easily access teacher emails by

clicking on the teacher's name in Powerschool. You can also access the staff directory here: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/domain/2404>

- Please check out the new FAQ section on our Counseling website: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/13964>



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Welcome to the Grandview High School Counseling web page. The information here is designed to help support students and parents through the high school years and prepare students for college and career success. Grandview counselors provide support to students and their families in three major areas: academic advisement, personal/social development, and post-graduate planning.



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