

GHS Counseling Monthly Update

March 2023 Deets from the Den

A Look Back at February

We hope you all had a wonderful February and wish you a great March. Grandview students are headed in many wonderful directions for Spring Break, March 20-24th! We hope everyone is able to rest, relax, and rejuvenate as we prepare for the final quarter of the school year!

Registration Information for the 2023-2024 School Year

1. Counselors were busy working with students to register for their classes for the 2023-24 school year throughout February. We are hopeful you had an opportunity to discuss course selection options with your students.
2. A recap of the pre-registration/registration sessions is included here:
 - February 6th & 7th, counselors met with 9th and 10th graders through Science classes
 - February 14th & 15th, counselors met with 11th graders in English classes
 - Teachers entered course recommendations in PowerSchool, now through February 17th.
 - Powerschool registration opened to students to input courses on February 23rd
 - February 28th/March 1st, counselors met with 9th & 10th graders to verify course choices.
 - March 6th & 7th, counselors met with Juniors to verify course choices.
3. The Grandview Course Registration Guide 2023-24 is a great tool to use with your students throughout high school as they plan for their courses and futures. The Guide can be found here: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/4475>
4. Still have questions about Registration? Use our resources here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SvUU3ays2ye3Lw7ToX1vTEnlrpiPFz2nwg0Qp09Afg/edit>
5. Counselors will continue to work with students to input their requests, as needed, ASAP. **Students who have not registered should connect with their counselor as they are able, dropping by to see if their counselor is available, or by making an appointment.**
6. Students and parents will have an opportunity to review course requests in early May.

PSAT & SAT on April 12, 2023

- Grandview Juniors will be taking the state mandated (free) SAT on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at Grandview High School.
- Attached is the *Get to Know the SAT - A Guide for Students* for your reference.
- 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>

College Application and Financial Aid Information

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:** Mid-year transcripts include 1st semester Senior grades. To request a mid-year transcript, students will need to complete a Mid-Year Transcript Request Form (these are available NOW and can be found in the Post Grad Center) and submit to Mrs. Bobo in Post Grad.

Scholarships

- Naviance (tile can be found on your my.cherrycreek login) is a great tool to find various scholarships. Click on Colleges > Scholarships and Money.
- Check college/university websites for each of the schools you have applied to. This will continue to be the best place to find financial aid and scholarship resources and information.

- **Grandview's Faculty and Staff Wolf Scholarship:** The Grandview faculty and staff will award one \$1500.00 scholarship to a graduating Grandview senior who has chosen to pursue a career in the field of education. One thousand dollars will be given directly to the college/university of attendance. The remaining five hundred dollars will be given to the Wolf Scholarship winner at the beginning of the semester the recipient begins his/her student teaching. Follow the links for the 2023 Grandview High School Faculty and Staff Wolf Scholarship Form: <https://forms.gle/NsJ7MAqAJafAnyFG7> and the Faculty/Staff Recommender Form: <https://forms.gle/AmwbPAXqGWQQnKtw8>
- **Grandview's Summer Hammond Memorial Scholarship (Due March 31).** Summer Hammond Memorial Scholarship: <https://forms.gle/uyAksqSJOxu5aV9j8> and the Faculty/Staff Recommender Form: <https://forms.gle/Nm5m1VsjudEbSzLL6>.
- **Grandview's Meredith Latchaw Memorial Scholarship (Due March 31).** Meredith Latchaw Memorial Scholarship: <https://forms.gle/kipQdgfkHoQZpprW6> and Faculty/Staff Recommender Form: <https://forms.gle/Nm5m1VsjudEbSzLL6>.

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>



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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