WELCOME SOPHOMORES & PARENTS
CLASS OF 2014
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ROLE OF THE COUNSELOR

- **Academically**
  - Appropriate Placement
  - Self Awareness/Self Advocacy
  - Opportunities Available

- **Socially/Emotionally**
  - Everyone Belongs
  - Dealing with Adversity
  - High School Pressures
  - Pressure of Growing-up
ROLE OF THE PARENT

- Sit down with your child and set realistic academic goals

- Encourage involvement in extracurricular activities, and support your child by attending his/her performances/games, etc.

- Make sure your child understands the importance of attending school everyday and being on-time

- Write down the dates that progress reports and report cards are to be expected via mail and speak with your child about his/her progress

- Help your child with time management. Too much time on the phone or computer isn’t good
# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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<th>Regents Diploma</th>
<th>Advanced Regents Diploma</th>
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<td>Electives</td>
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<td>Physical Education</td>
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<td>World Languages</td>
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| Total Credits            | 22              | 22                       |
DIPLOMA OPTIONS

- Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
- Regents Diploma
- IEP Diploma/Local Diploma
### Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

Total of 9 Regents exams (minimum grade of 65 on all exams)

- 1 English
- 2 Social Studies
- 2 Science (Life Science & Physical Science)
- 3 Math (Integrated Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2/Trigonometry)
- 1 World Language *

* May substitute 5 units of a sequence in Art, Music, or Business/Career and Technical Education
REGENTS DIPLOMA

Total of 5 Regents exams (minimum grade of 65)

- English
- World History
- U.S. History
- Integrated Algebra
- Science Regents
HONORS DESIGNATION

- Regents Diploma with Honors requires a total of 5 Regents exams with a 90 average or better

- Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors requires a total of 9 Regents exams with a 90 average or better
LOCAL & IEP DIPLOMA’S

Local Diploma
This option is available to special education students. It requires students to fulfill the necessary courses and credits, as well as pass all six Regents Competency Tests (RCT’s) with a minimum score of 65, or a minimum score of 55 on each of the five Regents examinations.

IEP Diploma
A classified student has not been able to fulfill one or more of the Regents exams with a 55 or better or an RCT exam with a 65 or better, but has met the learning standards as per the student’s Individual Educational Plan (IEP).
PROMOTION POLICY

Promotion to Grade 10: Completion of at least 5 credits; 3 of these credits must be English 9, Global History 9, and at least one science or math credit

Promotion to Grade 11: Completion of at least 11 credits; included in these credits must be English 9 and 10, Global 9 and 10, a minimum of 3 credits total in Math and Science with at least 1 in Math and 1 in Science, and a minimum of 3/4 credit in Physical Education

Promotion to Grade 12: A minimum of 15 credits including English 11 or U.S. History, a minimum of 1 year of world language credit (unless exempt through an IEP), and a minimum of one credit of physical education. Exceptions will be made for students who will have probable completion of all graduation requirements by August of the graduating year

IF ALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET BY JUNE, THE STUDENT MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.
## Pre-Registration Scheduling Process

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<td>November</td>
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<td>January/Feb.</td>
<td>Tenth grade students and parents will meet with their guidance counselors to select courses</td>
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<td>Course verification sheets will be mailed home</td>
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<td>June</td>
<td>Final recommendations will be made by teachers/directors</td>
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<td>August</td>
<td>Final schedules will be mailed home</td>
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PRE-REGISTRATION TOPICS

- Review courses in progress
- Provide an overview of graduation requirements as well as diploma options and credits
- Discuss course selections – level placements are tentative until final grades are earned in June
- Career Search Options/Programs (Guidance Direct)
* Tenth Grade Wilson Tech Orientation at HHS on Wednesday & Thursday January 4th & 5th, 2012

* Visitor’s Day, Tuesday, February 28, 2012

* Visitor’s Day to Manor Plains – Tuesday, March 13th, 2012 (smaller class size programs)
THE PRELIMINARY SAT (PSAT)

- What is the PSAT?
  ~3 sections (Math, Critical Reading, Writing)

- How does my child qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)?

- What is My College Quickstart?

- How do I register for the 2012 PSAT exam?
SAT AND ACT EXAMS

- What are the SAT and ACT exams?
- Why should students take these exams?
- When should these exams be taken?
- How can my child prepare for these tests?
- How does my child register for these exams?
- Accommodation Forms
- Score Choice
SAT REASONING AND SUBJECT TESTS

SAT Reasoning Test
3 sections: Critical Reading, Math, Writing
800 points per section
To Register: www.collegeboard.com
2011-2012 Exam Fee: $49

SAT Subject Tests
Literature, US History, World History, M1, M2, Biology E/M, Chemistry, Physics, Chinese, French, Spanish, Italian, Hebrew, Latin, Japanese, Korean
800 points per exam
To Register: www.collegeboard.com
2011-2012 Exam Fee: $22 plus exam fee(s)
ACT EXAM

ACT Examination
5 sections: Verbal, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning
1-36 sub-score for each section
Writing section optional (score range is 2-12)

To Register:  www.actstudent.org

2011-2012 Exam Fee: $34 without writing
$49.50 with writing
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT
(CLUBS/ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE, EMPLOYMENT)

Why is it important?

- Intrinsic Value
- Meeting New People
- Exploring Careers/Jobs
- Developing Leadership Skills
- Enhancing Applications (The National Honor Society, College Admissions, Contests, Scholarships and Competitions)
GUIDANCE DIRECT

- Available to all Huntington Middle and High School Students
- College, Career, and Scholarship Search Engine
- Build your Activity/Resume Sheet
- Student ID and Password set-up
  www.guidancedirect.com
  School ID: 8478848
  School Password: H81S6493
  -Click on ‘Create New Account’
- Take The Interest Profiler Today!
THE COLLEGE PROCESS
WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO TO MAKE THEMSELVES MORE ATTRACTIVE TO COLLEGES

* When does the college process begin?
* What do colleges and universities want?
* Appreciating the ‘Big Picture’ of the college exploration and admissions process
* Scrutinizing student transcripts
* Being Proactive/Strategizing
All student-athletes planning to participate in Division I or Division II sports MUST register with the clearinghouse after the completion of junior year (following the sixth semester), or at the start of senior year (September) To register, students MUST file online www.eligibilitycenter.org Print out the transcript release form and give it to the guidance secretary This will allow us to know if a student intends on playing interscholastic sports at the college level

Talk to your Coach and Guidance Counselor
Send SAT scores to the clearinghouse (code 9999)
Division III - You must meet the requirements of the specific school. No need to file with NCAA
CoreCourseGPA.com
1. Log onto CoreCourseGPA.com

2. Enter the following information in the “New Member Account Creation” box:
   - School ID: 332490
   - School Code: 728235088

3. Create a username and password
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Thank you for coming!
Please feel free to e-mail us with your feedback
kklein@hufsd.edu
FOLLOW-UP NOTES