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Student Services Newsletter

February 2019

Welcome to February and bad weather days! The Counselors are currently meeting with all students, grades 9-11. If they missed a student because of the weather, the counselors will catch up with them at a later date. All students will be met!

Report cards will be sent out on Thursday, February 7, 2019.
Auditions for Graduation will be held on February 12, 2019.
February 18th is Presidents’ Day - No School!
College Info Night for Juniors will be on March 6th at 6:30 pm

AP Exams - 2019: Your AP student should have received their 2019 AP Guide for students and parents and registration instructions. Registration began on February 2 through their Naviance Account. Each exam is \$94.00. Payments can be by check and written out to Atholton High School or you can pay by Credit Card. Students should print their online Naviance Survey and bring it to the Student Services Office along with their check or online credit card payment receipt. If you have any questions please contact Nina Dix or Yvonne Rogers in Student Services.

Junior Interviews - 2019: Next month we will be conducting our Junior Interview Clinic. Going through this mock interview process and developing and submitting a resume satisfy the World of Work graduation requirement. The Junior Interview Clinic will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. All Juniors will receive a pass indicating the time their interview will be held. Appropriate dress is recommended.

Scholarship News

As many of Atholton seniors enter the next phase of college planning this winter, I wanted update families about how to access information about scholarships. Searching for scholarships can be an overwhelming

process and often requires a lot of planning and time. Please contact me with questions about these resources. If you have questions about a specific scholarship, please contact the scholarship program directly.

Ms. Richardson
Scholarship Coordinator for Atholton
School Counselor

[Atholton Scholarship List](#)

In an effort to organize local scholarship information, I will be maintaining a google document that students and parents can access to view information on Atholton specific and local scholarships that apply to HCPSS students. Please bookmark this [link](#). We will provide reminders and post this list to the principal's newsletter, student services newsletter, Atholton website, and send email updates through Naviance as new scholarship information becomes available.

Naviance

Students may use their Naviance accounts to search for scholarship information. Students can access this information by going to the College section under Scholarships and Money.

- Scholarship Match - provides a list of scholarships that may match the student's qualifications
- Scholarship List - list maintained by HCPSS of scholarship information (some info is out of date)
- Scholarship Applications - allows students to save scholarship applications that they are interested in using
- National Scholarship Search - a search engine tool

Additional Scholarship Sources

In addition to these local opportunities, students should contact the individual colleges and universities to find out about scholarships offered by donors to their institutions. There are also countless national scholarship programs, ones offered by private business, and scholarships offered by various civic and religious groups. We encourage students to ask about opportunities given by any groups that they may be connected to in the community or through their parents' employment.

FAFSA

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

If you have not already done so, submit the FAFSA. If you need assistance, please contact the Financial Aid office at Howard Community College. Students do not need to plan to attend HCC to receive their help.

HCC Financial Aid
Phone: 443-518-1260
Fax: 443-518-4576
Location: RCF 222

[Office Hours & More Information](#)

Scholarship Search Services

Students should always use free scholarship search services. The following are websites that offer search options at no cost.

<http://www.fastweb.com>

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay>

<http://www.finaid.org>

www.central-scholarship.org/

Mid-Year Reports

Seniors! This year, as in year's past, all Howard County Public Schools will send mid-year reports to all colleges for which students have previously requested a transcript. This will be done after February 19 and will include 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter and Mid Term Exam grades.

Families can view the list your school will use by clicking on the "Colleges" tab and then the "Colleges I'm Applying To" link in Naviance. If a student has changed the list of colleges to which they are applying, students should contact their counselor to make sure all documents required are submitted.

For Students Using the Common App:

A good step to take ahead of this process would be to confirm that your student's college list on Naviance matches the list in your student's Common App account (if using this tool).