



Counseling Newsletter

Lower Merion High School

What's Happening This Quarter:

G.A.T.E. Program Continues: G.A.T.E, or Guidance and Transition Experience programs will continue throughout this quarter and the school year. Counselors will meet with each grade level to discuss grade appropriate college/career information. Topics include:

9th Grade: Learning Styles-will be discussed to help you prepare for midterms.
Mid terms will be held January 26th-29th, 2010 for all grade levels.

10th Grade: Counselor's will be meeting to ensure student's registration in Naviance. There will be a career symposium held April 8th, 2010.

11th Grade: Counselors will be meeting with all juniors in their History classes to review how to best choose a college and to discuss the Junior Questionnaire and Parent Bragg Sheet. Both sheets are listed on the Guidance Department's website. These sheets are necessary for the college application process. Once they are completed please return them to your counselor. Counselors will be inviting juniors and their parents to participate in an upcoming initial college meeting.

12th Grade: Senior Project begins in the beginning of the 2nd semester. Look forward to receiving more information in the near future.

For all grade levels: Students have been given access to the computer program "Naviance". Thru this site, students can view college admission data such as the college application process, how many Lower Merion graduates have attended the college and average SAT score of student applicants. Students/parents can also search for colleges and careers and build their resume right there on line. This is an excellent resource in the college planning process! All students have been registered through the GATE program. Parents, ask your child to share what they have learned!

The website address is www.connection.naviance.com/lowermerion

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Important information:

If you are interested in receiving extra help with your classes, there are several options available to you! During Academic Recovery you could receive FREE tutoring from a member of the National Honor Society. You could also go to the Help Center during each study hall or free period. The schedule of what teachers will be there and when, is posted outside of the Help Center-across the hall from the library and in the guidance office. For individual math tutoring, help is available on Wednesday's from 2:45 – 3:45 in the Help Center. To access any of these options, it's easy! Just show up and someone will be able to help you.

Also, don't forget to visit your teacher's eboard for helpful information/missed assignments and possible extra credit.

Important Dates To Remember:

The ACT & the SAT tests will take place on the following dates:

ACT: February 6th, April 10th and June 12, 2010

Please check www.actstudent.org/regist/dates for registration deadlines and fees!

SAT: January 23, March 13th, (SAT ONLY) May 1st and June 5, 2010

Please check www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenfees for registration deadlines and fees!

Transition Dates:

January 13th: 8th graders from Bala Cynwyd MS will be visiting LMHS

January 28th: Course selection evening for parents of students attending LMHS in grades 9-12 during the 2010-2011 school year

February 5th: School choice deadline

Spring Break: Spring Break will take place March 29th to April 2nd, 2010

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