

## **Counseling Department**

Mr. Darren Johnston = Students with Last Names A - F

Mr. Jeff Rogers = Students with Last Names N - Z

Mrs. Yesel Von Ruden = Students with Last Names G - M

Mrs. Patricia Hunt = College & Career Center Coordinator

Mrs. Linda Galuppo = Counseling Secretary & Registrar

The **Student Support Counselor** at CHS is Mrs. Lauren Capano. She is available for all students as a support service. The goal of the student support counselor is not provide therapy, but to function as a resource to stabilize students so they can continue to function in their academic setting. Students can sign up on her office door to make an appointment.

## **Upcoming Events for September:**

September 10 = How to Pay for College, 6:30 - 8:30pm, CHS Library

September 25 = Senior Parent Night, 6:00 - 8:00pm, CHS Library

**Schedule Changes:** All schedule changes are completed. We are settling into fall semester. The next opportunity to request a schedule change will be in January 2020 for the spring semester.

## **Accessing Your Student's Grades:**

Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s) have access to their student's grades and completed assignments for each course (and in real-time) via AERIES.

## **Concerned About Your Student's Grade(s)?**

For questions or concerns regarding your student's performance in individual classes, you're highly encouraged to contact the teacher directly to identify potential issues or concerns. Faculty email addresses are available thru the Carmel High website and follow the following email address protocols: first initial + last name @carmelunified.org.

## **Senior Information**

**Senior Graduation Reports:** Counselors will be mailing home Senior Grad Status Reports which provide parent(s) and/or guardian(s) information on their student's current status with completing Carmel High's graduation requirements.

**Classroom Presentations:** counselors begin "**All Things College**" senior presentations the week of September 9<sup>th</sup> throughout senior social sciences courses (AP Go Po, Civics, Econ) followed by a series of group presentations and workshops with their individual counselor.

Students will receive 5 handouts; CSU/UC Admissions Statistics, College Admission Guide, Senior Calendar, College Fit and Exploration Guide, and a College Rep Visit Calendar.

**SENIOR Parent Night** will be September 25 in the library from 6-7:30pm. Counselors will be going over the "All Things College" presentation that was shared with the students and receive handouts as well.

**College Representative Visits** are happening in the college and career Center. A great opportunity for students to get access to first hand information from admissions officers to colleges. The schedule is available in Naviance, the school bulletin and posted in the College and Career Center and Counseling office. Students contact Mrs. Hunt to sign up.

### **Junior Information**

**PSAT Testing:** The PSAT is a college-entrance test designed for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in relation to content at their respective grade level. The PSAT **will be on Wednesday, October 30** in the gym. **Eleventh grade students benefit from taking the PSAT for 2 main reasons;** students get a report on their strengths and areas for growth in preparation for the spring 2020 SAT. It also gives them an opportunity to compete for National Merit Scholar. Last year, one student from the Class of 2019 was selected by the College Board to be a National Merit Finalist.

10<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in taking the PSAT 10<sup>th</sup> are required to submit a permission slip since they ride the bus to test off campus at Carmel Middle School. Space is limited due to test space and availability so seating is based on a first-come first-served basis determined by when we receive their permission slip. Permission slips will be available toward the end of September.

### **Sophomore Information**

More information to come for **10th and 11th grade** students in the next counseling email.

### **Freshman Information**

Counselors will also be visiting **9th grade classes** to Health, World Geography, and AP Human Geography courses introduce themselves and share important high school information.