

DATES TO REMEMBER



Report Cards Distributed

November 22, 2011

February 8, 2012

April 25, 2012

July 1, 2012*

*report card will be mailed home
on this date.

Grades and report cards can also
be viewed on the parent portal .

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HIGH SCHOOL WEST COUNSELING CENTER



Open House October 4, 2011

Please join the counselors in
Room 68W Periods 4-7

Frequently Asked Questions

How Counselors Help:

Academic Advisement and Planning

Personal and Social Growth

Crisis Intervention

Transitional Services

Parent/Teacher Support

College and Career Planning



Come to the Counseling

Center if you are looking for:

Working Papers

Records and Report Cards

Extra Help Options/Tutor Lists

Clubs and School Activities

Career Information

Scheduling Information

What are the expectations for a high school student?

At the high school level, for most students, the academic load increases. Teachers expect students to continue to become more independent learners, take responsibility for their course work, be prepared for tests and quizzes and ask for help when needed. Students may have more long range projects to complete which will require more organization and planning. Students are also encouraged to become a part of the high school community through their participation in clubs, activities and sport teams. Becoming a part of a group is a great way to explore a new area and meet new friends with similar interests.

How can my child get extra help?

Teachers are available to help students outside of class time. Students should check with teachers to see what times they are both free. The Academic Resource Center (ARC) staffed by a monitor and University at Albany graduate students is available to assist students with academic needs. Tutor schedules will be posted throughout the school. After school Homework Club will start in mid-October. It is staffed with HS West faculty and trained peer tutors on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Help in Math and Science is available at HS East on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30pm-9:30pm in Room 101E.

How do I contact my child's teachers?

Teachers can be contacted by phone by leaving a message on their voice mail (881- 0366) or by using the Parent Portal. In the high school, we do not have "teams" as in middle school, so you may need to contact several teachers instead of just one "team" member.

How is Counseling Center information communicated to parents?

Newsletters and counselor correspondence at times are sent home through email. Please update your email address as it changes by contacting the Counseling Center.

Who should I contact if I have an academic concern?

You may want to contact the teacher first or you can contact the Academic Administrator for that particular subject area (881-0370). A list of the Academic Administrators can be found in the Program of Studies. Counselors can help as well.

What is the Parent Portal?

The Parent Portal provides a way to monitor your child's attendance and academic progress through the computer. You can register for this service in any main office. You can register all your children at any school that your children attend.

Can my child stay after school?

Students are allowed to stay after school if they are working with a teacher or if they need to use the library/computer lab to complete an assignment. Students need a pre-signed pass from their teacher for after school help. Students may also stay after school to attend clubs including Homework Club. Students are required to sign in and a late bus pass will be issued. Late busses are available Tuesday and Thursday.

When will the counselor see my child?

Counselors make formal presentations to students throughout the year in the science off lab periods. Topics focus on post secondary planning, career exploration, resume building, academic achievement and course selection for 10th grade. Counselors meet individually with students who are experiencing academic difficulty periodically throughout the school year. Each student meets individually with their counselor during the course selection process. Students are encouraged to make an appointment to see their counselor if they have any questions or concerns.

What student support services are available at West?

In addition to the three school counselors, HS West has a school psychologist, an intervention counselor and a social worker available to students. All counselors coordinate their efforts to support students in the best way possible.

