

Hayfield Secondary School



Student Services Newsletter - 9/17/2020

Dear Hayfield Families,

Happy Day 8 of the 2020-2021 School Year! This resumes the Hayfield Student Services Newsletter that began last Spring during Distance Learning. Our goal is to share timely resources and opportunities with our Hayfield Community. Enjoy!

A note from your school counselors...

As your school counselors, we will focus our work this school year, to align our 3 core principles (Caring Citizens, Creative Collaborators, and Critical Thinkers) while keeping equity at the center of all we do. We look forward to serving our students and families this year as we promote culturally responsive social-emotional learning, building relationships and supporting students to have academic, personal, college and career and social-emotional success by making sure all students have access to support, opportunities, and resources that they need.

Opportunities for Grades 7-8

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Applications

(8th graders) Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology applications will open online September 14 at 4pm and close October 2 at 4pm. Visit <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/thomas-jefferson-high-school-science-and-technology-admissions/freshman-winter> for more information and if you have questions, e-mail Ms. Brussel, Hayfield Middle School Counselor, at arbrussel@fcps.edu

Opportunities for Grades 9-12

Class of 2021 College & Career Planning

Hayfield High School Student Services invites seniors and their families to watch the video "[Flying the Nest: College & Career Planning](#)" to learn about graduation requirements, post-graduation career options, and the college application process.

As a companion to the video, please refer to the [Senior Packet](#) for complete details on colleges, careers, and more.

Seniors and families are invited to attend the virtual Class of 2021 Town Hall on Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m.

After watching the video and reading the senior packet, please submit your questions for our Town Hall by [clicking on this link](#). The survey link will close at noon on Tuesday, September 22nd, so that Hayfield administrators, class sponsors, PTSA, and school counselors can prepare answers in time for the event.

Senior families will be e-mailed a link to the meeting on the afternoon of the Town Hall- no pre-registration is necessary.

College Access Fairfax Regional Financial Aid Seminars for Seniors and Their Families

College Access Fairfax, in collaboration with School Counseling Services, is offering a Financial Aid presentation for each FCPS Region this fall. Topics to be covered include: understanding financial aid, how the financial aid process works, and the steps that families need to take to secure financial aid. Attendees will have the ability to ask general questions after the presentation. Seniors and their families can participate in any presentation at their convenience and do not need to attend the presentation for their region.

- Saturday, October 3 College Success Program families/All Regions (English and Spanish presentation is available on this date) 9:00am-10:00am
- Tuesday, October 6 Region 3 schools 7:00pm-8:00pm

For more information and dates, see this [Financial Aid Seminar Flyer - Region 3](#).

Seeking Student Equity Ambassador Leaders - for 10th and 11th Graders

Student Equity Ambassador Leaders is a leadership program that amplifies student voice and provides an increased understanding of diversity, inclusion and equity through leadership development, projects and relevant experiences. The goal is to empower students to take an active role in fostering a school culture of inclusiveness and creating a welcoming and culturally responsive environment for students, families and staff.

Student Equity Ambassador Leaders will model communicator, collaborator, ethical and global citizen attributes of Portrait of a Graduate, build cultural awareness, and honor personal identities with empathy and compassion through outreach, reflection, and advocacy to inform and influence policy and practice changes that impact our school division.

For more information, check out this [HSS Equity Student Ambassador Program Flyer](#). Applications are due next Wednesday 9/23.

Resources and Opportunities for 7-12

Grab and Go Meals Available!

Did you pick up your grab and go meal today? FCPS is providing grab and go breakfast and lunch to ALL students Monday through Friday. And you don't have to pay for it!

It is easy to find out where to pick up food by visiting the website. [FCPS buses are traveling to different neighborhoods and delivering meals at bus stops. Check the website for the bus stop locations: <https://www.fcps.edu/return-school/food>.](#)

Digital Literacy and Distance Learning Resource:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services is offering two programs to support parents/guardians in Distance Learning. [NCS Parent and Student Support Programs](#)

Mental Health and Wellness Conference

This year FCPS will continue to partner with INOVA and Kaiser Permanente to host the 7th Annual Mental Health and Wellness Conference. The conference will feature multiple keynote speakers who will address social emotional learning and resiliency. Virtual sessions will be offered September 14th-October 3rd. The kickoff panel will be hosted by NBC 4's Eun Yang.

Registration is available at the following website: <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/student-safety-and-wellness/mental-health-and-resiliency/mental-health-and-wellness>

Additionally, Our Minds Matter matter will be hosting a student summit for the Mental Health and Wellness Conference. Students may register here: bit.ly/ommsummit2020

Reminder: Health Information and Emergency Care Forms

The Health Information Form (HIF) (SS/SE -71) and the Emergency Care Information form (SS/SE-3) provide valuable information regarding student health conditions. These forms are critical in the early identification of students who may need healthcare support in the educational environment. Along with the development of Healthcare Plans (HCP) and Action Plans, the Public

Health Nurses (PHN) utilize the information contained in the HIF to develop teaching strategies for FCPS staff. As the school year begins virtually, it is important that all parents/guardians complete both these forms, which are required for all students. These forms are available for electronic submission by parents via their [FCPS 24/7](#) (Blackboard) accounts within the weCare@school (weCare) module.

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