



Counselor's Connection

Welcome Back Edition



A publication of the Queen Anne's County High School Guidance Department

Welcome Back

The guidance and administration teams would like to welcome all students back to QACHS for the 2011-2012 school year. We would especially like to welcome all 310 students of our freshman class of 2015 to Queen Anne's County High School.

All students' grades 9-12 will again have 90 minute classes on the 4 period day format. Students in band, chorus, theatre and dance will have the same hybrid (yearlong) offering that has been offered in the past.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

The teaching staff for the 2011-2012 school year will remain relatively unchanged. The science department experienced a decrease of one position due to earlier budget issues. We would like to welcome some new staff that will join us this year to replace some who had retired or moved to other positions. We welcome their experience and enthusiasm.

English -- Ms. McClean, graduate of Towson University

Math – Mr. Edgell transferred from Sudlersville Middle School

Welding Technology -- TBA

Science – Ms. Agee transferred from Centreville Middle School.

Special Education – Mrs. Laura Heinz coming from South River HS

Technology – Mr. Lawrence transferred from Kent Island High School

Social Studies – Ms. Dinkel transferred from Stevensville Middle School

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

GRADE 9—August 29th

All Freshmen will report on August 29th at 7:30am. All students will first pick up a final schedule in the lobby prior to going into the auditorium. There is a full day of activities planned.

GRADES 9-12 – August 30th

School will start at 7:35am for all students. Students may enter at 7:20am.

Freshman – report directly to 1st period.

Sophomores – report to the Cafeteria

Juniors—report to front of Auditorium

Seniors— rear of auditorium.

Pick up final schedules and report to class. (Some minor changes may still occur after this mailing).

School Supplies

Each teacher will provide a list of recommended supplies with the course syllabus on the first day. However, if trying to take advantage of some back-to-school sales. Most classes will recommend 3-ring binders (1-1/2 inch ring). Loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, folders with dividers, pens and pencils.

Back To School Night
Wednesday, August 31st @ 6:30 pm

This will be an evening for all parents to come to the school and visit their student's classrooms and hear an overview of what your student will be learning this semester. The meeting will begin in the auditorium and then dismiss to individual classrooms

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Please take the time now to review the enclosed schedule. If you have any problems or concerns with the schedule you have received please contact the appropriate guidance counselor. Some schedule changes may occur prior to the start of school to balance and minimize class size when possible. However, we would like to resolve any schedule concerns prior to the start of school. Further, students will not be permitted to schedule guidance appointments on **Tuesday-Thursday, August 30th 31st and Sept 1st**. This time is set aside to handle concerns of new students and class size concerns. Please be aware that two furlough days are planned for Monday and Tuesday, August 22nd and 23rd therefore all schools are closed.

**Counselor Assignments for
2011-2012 School Year.**

Grade 12: Mr. Larrimore (Ext. 116)
Grade 11: Mrs. Dean (Ext 216)
Grade 10: Mrs. Casey (Ext. 118)
Grade 9: Mr. Willis (Ext. 117)

Senior College Information Night
September 6, 2011 @ 6:30pm
Cafeteria

The guidance department will sponsor a college information night for parents and students of seniors. We will review the college application process and how the guidance department can assist you in the college application process. Learn about some common application errors and the process for applying to college.

PSAT TEST

This year all 9th, 10th & 11th grade students will have the opportunity to take the PSAT on **Wednesday, October 12, 2011**. This will be a half-day of school for students for the purpose of taking the test. The PSAT is an important test for all students however when taken as a Junior it is the only score that qualifies students for National Merit Scholarships. Seniors should use this day for college applications and visitation.

Jostens and Graduation

Jostens will be at the high school on October 25th to distribute order forms for graduation materials.

Financial Aid Workshop Planned

There will be a financial aid workshop on November 29th at 6:30pm for all seniors and interested juniors.

Changes for 2011-2012

Extended Day – Extended Day opportunities have been eliminated. Currently, the only way to make up failed classes will be through summer school. We will not offer extended day.

Pay-To-Play: There is now a fee (\$100.00) to play on all athletic teams. Further participation in other events such as marching band and play productions will require a \$35.00 activity fee. Students and parents should contact their coach or advisor for specific ways the fees will be handled for each event.

Late Busses: Late busses have been discontinued due to budget cuts. There is consideration given to providing the bus for a fee only...but they must be self-supporting. More information to follow.