

Counselor's Corner

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If your child is not successfully completing or is at risk of not completing necessary credits for graduation required by Coopersville High School and the Michigan Merit Curriculum, please contact your child's teacher or school counselor about the availability of tutoring or other supplemental educational support that may be available.*

**Requirements for graduation may be found in the Coopersville High School Student Handbook or Course Description Booklet available online at www.coopersvillebroncos.org*

How can we serve you?

Although we often think of high school in terms of our own experiences, you might be surprised at how the role of a guidance counselor has changed over the years. Regardless of those experiences, it is our hope that your student will experience high school with the kind of support that will enable him or her to have as many choices as possible after graduation. Perhaps even more important, students should feel confident about the choices they are making. Raising teens is no simple task, and we want to help where we can. Please visit the Student Services link on our homepage to access additional resources and information www.coopersvillebroncos.org.

What services are available?

Stop in or leave a message to get help with...

- *Confidential counseling (regarding friends, family, school, grades, personal issues, your future)
- Finding assistance outside of school
- Selecting/changing classes
- College selection and applications
- Applying for scholarships & financial aid
- Dual enrollment
- Internships, job shadows, career fairs
- Resume writing & interviewing skills
- Finding a job

**Counselors have a duty to report suspected child abuse and/or potential harm to self or others.*

Starting the Year off with the Future in Mind



Interested in Free Money?

If your student is planning on attending college, scholarships are a resource. Many are based on volunteer work, GPA, and ACT scores. Begin volunteering NOW and work hard in ALL classes. Contact emergency organizations, churches, or your school counselor for volunteer ideas. For more information, explore the scholarship search websites below and visit us on the web under Student Services.

Keep a File!

Act now! Start a folder freshmen year consisting of report cards, documentation of volunteer work, awards received, extra-curricular involvement, standardized test scores, Counselor Corner newsletters, etc.

- www.fastweb.com
- www.TuitionFundingSources.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.MeritAid.com
- www.SchoolSoup.com

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Go to our website for a
list of available
Scholarships!

JUNIORS

Mark your calendars!
The **Junior Parent Meeting** will be
Monday, October 19,
at 7 p.m. in the CHS
auditorium to discuss
college and career
planning.

I can't help my student with Math!

With the state's requirement of 4 years of math, it becomes even more important to pass **every** math class in order to avoid summer school. We encourage students to seek help from any math teacher before or after school and during Seminar. Sometimes another teacher has a different way of explaining concepts that haven't made sense in the past. If your child will need a late bus pass, arrangements will need to be made 48 hours in advance. A struggling student should make a habit of getting help as soon as possible.

FRESHMEN

9th Grade Social Studies MEAP is Thursday, October 22. Please be sure to get a good night's sleep on the 21st! Don't be tardy. Testing starts promptly at 7:25!

The CHS counseling department provides career exploration curriculum to **8th through 12th grade students**. These classroom lessons are age appropriate and build on one another as students gain information about their skills and interests. Freshmen students will do a career exploration unit which concentrates on increasing self awareness of skills and abilities as well as increasing their understanding of the many career choices available. We start our unit in December, finishing at the end of first semester with a 4-year plan. This plan is not permanent, but does help students understand graduation requirements and their choices for electives. Students will also update their EDP's which include short and long term goals related to personal, academic, and career aspirations. All freshmen parents will be sent a copy of their student's EDP at the end of the semester.

SENIORS

Now is the time to apply to college!

Applying on-line is the fastest and most convenient method. Some colleges will even waive the application fee if you apply on-line. Please remember to print the counselor's recommendation form and bring it to Student Services. Your counselor will fill out the form and send it to the appropriate college with your transcript. Don't delay! Most colleges suggest submitting applications before Halloween.

Not Happy with your ACT score?

Students are encouraged to register on-line to retake the ACT at www.actstudent.org. Test dates and testing sites are listed on-line. To avoid late fees, register as soon as possible. Our high school code is 230715. Fee waivers are available for those students receiving free or reduced lunch or living in a foster home. Contact your counselor for more information.

Senior Audits in September/October!

Counselors will be meeting individually with each senior to review post-graduation plans. Be sure to bring your questions!

Mark Your Calendar!

Please join us Tuesday, January 12, at 7 p.m. for a **financial aid** presentation. An expert from GVSU will explain the FAFSA and other important information regarding college funding. Time will be provided for questions!