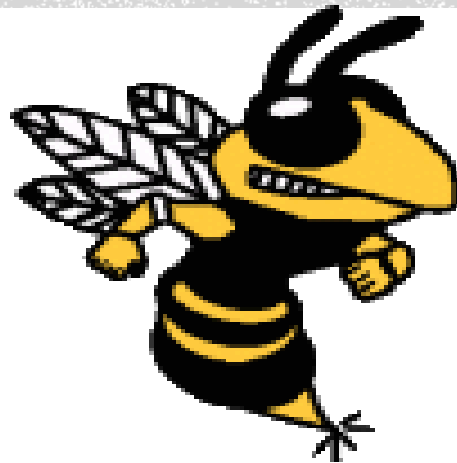


**FRESHMAN**

**MEETING**



# YOUR COUNSELORS

**Mrs. Heckman**

Students with the last name A – K

**Mrs. Ryan**

Students with the last name L-Z

Our offices are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Media Center.



# WHAT DOES A COUNSELOR DO?

- Helps with academic problems
- Scheduling issues
- Friend issues, conflict mediation
- Problems at home
- Help talking to a teacher
- Help getting organized
- Mental Health resources like depression, anxiety, self harm, etc.
- Career information
- College information
- Helps you create a plan for your high school career



# HOW CAN YOU SEE YOUR COUNSELOR?

- Tell your teacher you would like to see your counselor, they can contact us to see if we are available, or send you to the office so that you can see if we are free.
- If it is an issue that is very urgent, make sure you tell your teacher. You don't have to tell them the details of what it is, but tell them it is very important that you see us as soon as possible.
- We ask that you go to class first. Do not come in between classes. You could get counted as skipping if your teacher does not know where you are.
- You can email us and request an appointment. Our email addresses are found on the website.
- You can also have your parents call or email us and request an appointment.
- You can drop a note in one of the Ski boxes or leave a note for us at the main office.
- Catch us at lunch or in the hallways.
- Please know we will see you as soon as we can!



# COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

- We have a brand new College & Career Center located in the Gold Room of the THS Media Center.
- Everyone is welcome to utilize this space to plan for your future!
- Chromebooks & helpful resources are available to you as you plan for the next steps of your career & education.
- Ask your teacher for a pass and check in with Mrs. Kurzahls.



# SKI BOXES

- There are 3 wooden Ski boxes located around the school. Locations include next to the elevator on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, hallway outside of the media center, and next to the restrooms on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the elementary spine.
- These boxes give students a way to inform the counselors if they or someone they know may be hurting themselves or thinking of hurting themselves.
- Please take these seriously!
- Our doors are always open if you feel you or one of your friends may need some help.



# OUR FRIENDLY ADVICE TO YOU...

**Tip 1: Don't Stop at High School**

**Tip 2: Plan for college NOW!**

**Tip 3: Keep Challenging Yourself**

**Tip 4: Stay Involved**

**Tip 5: Strive for Balance**

**Tip 6: Set Life and Career Goals**

**Tip 7: Use Your Resources**



# TRANSCRIPTS

- Name, address, grade, and birthday
- A summary of attendance, tardies, credit earned, and class rank
- Listing of classes you have taken
- A list of your total credits
- A list of your cumulative G.P.A.
- We will be getting you your transcripts next month in homeroom.





# *What will this information say to others about me?*

- The better your attendance, the better you will look to a prospective employer.
- Your GPA reflects your level of dedication to your studies.
- Colleges will evaluate your transcript to see if it fits with the parameters of the type of students they are looking for.



# Credit Requirements

- **English : 4 credits**
- **Math: 4 credits**
- **Science: 3 credits**
- **Social Studies: 3 credits**
  - **Government: .5 credit**
  - **American History: 1 credit**
  - **Electives: 1.5 credits**
- **Health: .5 credit**
- **P.E.: .5 credit (2 semesters)**
- **Electives: 5 credits**
- **Fine Arts: 1 credit**
- **Total: 21 credits**



You are ultimately  
responsible for  
checking your  
credits!!



# MAKE-UP CREDITS

You may be able to fit a make-up credit into your regular schedule at Taylor. It is possible to get 7 credits a year. However, you may need to take classes outside of Taylor.

- Virtual Make Up Classes
- Summer School



# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE:**

**OHIO STATE TEST**

**WORKKEYS ASSESSMENT**

**ACT/SAT REMEDIATION SCORE**



# OHIO STATE TEST

- **Ohio's State Tests**

Students earn a cumulative passing score of 18 points, using seven end-of-course state tests. To ensure students are well rounded, they must earn a minimum of four points in math, four points in English and six points across science and social studies.

- **End-of-course exams are:**

- Algebra I and Geometry or Integrated Math I and II
- Biology
- American history and American government
- English I and English II

Graduation Point Break Down from ODE



# STATE TESTS CONT.

- Students studying Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in biology, American history or American government may take and substitute test scores for end-of-course state exams to avoid double testing. Students also may substitute grades from College Credit Plus courses in these science and social studies subjects for end-of-course state exams.



# WORKKEYS ASSESSMENT

- Industry credential and workforce readiness
- Students earn 12 points through a State Board of Education-approved, industry-recognized credential or group of credentials in a single career field and achieve a workforce readiness score on the WorkKeys assessment. The state of Ohio will pay one time for those who take the WorkKeys assessment.





# ACT/SAT REMEDIATION FREE SCORES

- **College and career readiness tests**

Students earn **“remediation-free” scores** in English language arts and mathematics on a nationally recognized college admission exam. The state of Ohio will pay one time for all 11th grade students in the classes of 2018 and beyond to take either the **ACT or SAT free of charge**. The student’s district selection applies to all schools in the district for one school year. Test selection may change from one school year to the next.

- **Remediation Scores from ODE**



# PE WAIVER

You must go online to [www.taylorathletics.org](http://www.taylorathletics.org) under files/links tab for a PE waiver application. In order to get the waiver, you must complete 2 seasons of a sport, marching band or colorguard. This can be done throughout the four years of high school. Forms must be signed by the coach and turned into the

guidance office

Make sure you check your paperwork!!



# OHIO HONORS DIPLOMA

FIND INFORMATION ON HONORS DIPLOMA [HERE](#)

New Options for the Class of 2018

Academic Honors Diploma

STEM Honors Diploma

Arts Honor Diploma

Social Science & Civic Engagement



<b>ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA</b>	
Math	4 units
Science	4 units, including 2 units of advanced science
Social Studies	4 units
World Languages	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied
Fine Arts	1 unit
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
ACT/SAT	ACT: 27 or higher/SAT: 1280 or higher

High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio's graduation requirements through an Academic Honors Diploma. High-level coursework, college and career readiness tests and real-world experiences challenge students.

Students must meet **all but one** of the following criteria, unless it is a minimum graduation requirement, which are [here](#) for the class of 2017 and [here](#) for the classes of 2018 and beyond. Students must meet general graduation requirements to qualify for honors diplomas.



High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio's graduation requirements through an STEM Honors Diploma. High-level coursework, college and career readiness tests and real-world experiences challenge students.

Students must meet **all but one** of the following criteria, unless it is a minimum graduation requirement, which are [here](#) for the class of 2017 and [here](#) for the classes of 2018 and beyond. Students must meet general graduation requirements to qualify for honors diplomas.

<b>STEM HONORS DIPLOMA</b>	
Math	5 units
Science	5 units, including 2 units of advanced science
Social Studies	3 units
World Languages	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied
Fine Arts	1 unit
Electives	2 units with a focus in STEM
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
ACT/SAT	ACT: 27 or higher/SAT: 1280 or higher
Field Experience	Complete a field experience and document the experience in a portfolio specific to the student's area of focus
Portfolio	Develop a comprehensive portfolio of work based on the student's field experience or a topic that is related to the student's area of focus



High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio's graduation requirements through an Arts Honors Diploma. High-level coursework, college and career readiness tests and real-world experiences challenge students.

Students must meet **all but one** of the following criteria, unless it is a minimum graduation requirement, which are [here](#) for the class of 2017 and [here](#) for the classes of 2018 and beyond. Students must meet general graduation requirements to qualify for honors diplomas.

<b>ARTS HONORS DIPLOMA</b>	
<b>Math</b>	<b>4 units</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>3 units, including 1 unit of advanced science</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3 units</b>
<b>World Languages</b>	<b>3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied</b>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>4 units</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>2 units with a focus in fine arts</b>
<b>GPA</b>	<b>3.5 on a 4.0 scale</b>
<b>ACT/SAT</b>	<b>ACT: 27 or higher/SAT: 1280 or higher</b>
<b>Field Experience</b>	<b>Complete a field experience and document the experience in a portfolio specific to the student's area of focus</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Develop a comprehensive portfolio of work based on the student's field experience or a topic that is related to the student's area of focus</b>



High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio's graduation requirements through an Social Science & Civic Engagement Honors Diploma. High-level coursework, college and career readiness tests and real-world experiences challenge students.

Students must meet **all but one** of the following criteria, unless it is a minimum graduation requirement, which are [here](#) for the class of 2017 and [here](#) for the classes of 2018 and beyond.

Students must meet general graduation requirements to qualify for honors diplomas.

<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT HONORS DIPLOMA</b>	
Math	4 units
Science	3 units, including 1 unit of advanced science
Social Studies	5 units
World Languages	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied
Fine Arts	1 unit
Electives	3 units with a focus in social sciences and/or civics
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
ACT/SAT	ACT: 27 or higher/SAT: 1280 or higher
Field Experience	Complete a field experience and document the experience in a portfolio specific to the student's area of focus
Portfolio	Develop a comprehensive portfolio of work based on the student's field experience or a topic that is related to the student's area of focus



# CREDIT FLEXIBILITY

- ▶ Students can earn units of high school credit based on an individually developed and school approved credit flex plan.
- ▶ Students can earn this credit by:
  - ▶ Completing coursework
  - ▶ Testing or showing mastery of course content
  - ▶ Pursing an educational option or individually approved option and/or
  - ▶ Any combination of the above

**Applications due dates can be found in the course registration booklet and on the website.**





# COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

- Any student in grades 7 – 12 who meets admission requirements may take college level courses for dual credit at any public university in Ohio. Many private schools also offer CCP programs.
- You must turn in a Letter of Intent to your school by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- You must complete the admission process for whatever school you are applying to and meet all of their deadlines.



# SCHEDULING

- ▶ It is important to create a schedule a class schedule every year that is academically challenging and matches your future interests.
- ▶ Remember that the coursework you do this year will be what teachers use to recommend you for levels of courses next year so....

**TRY YOUR BEST!!!**



# SCHEDULE CHANGES

**Preparing the master schedule and individual schedules is a very important and involved process. Parents and their student should devote adequate thought and planning to course selections prior to submitting course requests. After the course selection sheet has been turned in and entered into the computer, it will be considered a final schedule request.**

- ▶ **A student may make a schedule change only under one of the following circumstances:**
  - ▶ **Administrative Error**
  - ▶ **Academic level change that is found to be in the best interest of the student (teacher/counselor recommendation)**
  - ▶ **Dropping a study hall. Students in grades 9 – 12 must maintain enrollment in six (6). If a course is dropped before September 1<sup>st</sup> or January 26<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> sem), students will receive a “W” on their report card and transcript. If the course is dropped after these dates, a “W/F” (withdrawn/failure) will show on their report card and transcript as well as reflect in GPA. If a student wishes to add a course in place of a study hall, he/she must notify his/her counselor prior to the first day of school.**



# GREAT OAKS

- *Homeroom Information during 10<sup>th</sup> grade*
- *Diamond Rep visit to Taylor during 10<sup>th</sup> grade*
  
- *Field Trip to Diamond during 10<sup>th</sup> grade*
- *Applications due at the end of January of 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.*



# WHAT DO I NEED TO GET INTO DIAMOND OR SCARLET?

- Application
- Good Attendance
- Credits, credits, credits
  - English, Math, Science, PE/Health, History



# WHAT YOU CAN BE DOING TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE NOW

- Take College Prep classes
- Get involved
- Get good grades, raise GPA and rank
- Get involved
- Have good attendance
- Get involved
- Start researching colleges now
- Get involved



# HOW TO RESEARCH COLLEGES . . . .

- Search the internet. There are many resources found on the guidance page on the Three Rivers website.
- Utilize your Naviance account
- Search Ohio Means Jobs- [ohiomeansjobs.org](http://ohiomeansjobs.org)
- Go on college visits- 2 excused visits during your 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade year.
- Talk to students already in college
- Attend college rep visits during homeroom and take advantage of lunch room visits



# NAVIANCE

- **Logging Into Naviance for the First Time**
- Go to <http://connection.naviance.com/taylorhighs>
- Click I need to register under the tab Are you New Here
- Enter your registration code
- Enter school email address
- Enter Username- school email address
- Enter Password- Student ID plus 000
- Accept privacy terms
- It will then take you to the Family Connection Login Page
- Re enter your username and password





# **JOB SHADOWING!**

- Each student in grades 9 – 12 gets one excused absence from school to shadow a professional at the career of their interest.
- Forms are available in the guidance office and must be completed before the absence will be excused.
- Take advantage of this great opportunity!



# TESTING...

- ACT vs. SAT

- Which test you take depends on the schools to which you are applying. Check their websites to make sure you are taking the required admissions test.
- Most schools will take either test

You can start taking these tests any time. We often suggest waiting until your junior year so that you can have as much advanced curriculum under your belt as possible.



# HOW DO I REGISTER?

Online- Requires a credit card

ACT- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

SAT- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)



# TEST PREP

- Check online for test prep questions and test taking tips
  - ACT: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
  - SAT: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
[www.kahnacademy.com](http://www.kahnacademy.com)
- Test prep courses are offered. Information can be found in guidance office or check out [www.torchprep.com](http://www.torchprep.com)
- Ohio Means Jobs has a great test prep section. You can find this in the Individual Portal Under Testing & Assessments. Take free practice tests for many college admissions testing options including ACT, SAT, Compass, Accuplacer, ASVAB, etc.  
[www.ohiomeansjobs.com](http://www.ohiomeansjobs.com)



# HOW DO I PLAN FOR MY FUTURE?

Check out [www.ohiomeansjobs.com](http://www.ohiomeansjobs.com)

Check out your Naviance account



# SCHOOL WEBSITE

- Make sure you check out the Three Rivers Schools website at [www.threeriversschools.org](http://www.threeriversschools.org)
- The guidance section contains important information concerning scheduling, college information, scholarship information and career information
- The website also contains your counselor's and teachers' email and contact information.
- Many important forms and dates can be found on the website.



# STUDENT EMAIL

- **Make sure you are checking your school email.**
- **Important announcements and information are sent to that email address.**
- **If you don't know how to access your email, ask one of your teachers.**



# LAST BUT NOT LEAST....

- Meet with your counselor if you have any questions or specific concerns.
- Don't wait until the last minute. Find help for your grades now if you are struggling!
- Motivate yourself to find a plan that works for you and will provide you with the best possible future!!!

