9TH GRADE PANTHERS: RACE TO THE FUTURE

DPHS
CLASS OF 2018
“Never less than the BEST!”
ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- How can students increase their understanding of graduation requirements?
- How can students prepare themselves for post-secondary goals?
LEARNING GOAL:

Students will develop a better understanding of graduation requirements and post-secondary options.
EXPECTATIONS:

- Pay Attention! Cell phones OFF!
- Please remain seated!
- Participate!
- Be Respectful!
- Remember…this is for YOU!
WHERE ARE YOU ON THE SCALE OF UNDERSTANDING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS?

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KNOW THESE IMPORTANT PEOPLE!

- Principal: Dr. Suzanne Knight
- 9th Grade Administrator: Dr. Lenore Guastella
- 9th Grade Dean: Ms. Rodriguez A-K
  Mr. Jackson L-Z
- 9th Grade Counselors:
  - Mrs. Maderer: Alpha A-K
  - Mrs. Borgon: Alpha L-Z
  - Mrs. Reed: Tangelo Park
How To Make A Guidance Appointment

- Come to the guidance office in building 19.
- Sign up for a time and fill out a pass.
- On the day of your appointment, show your teacher your pass and ask for permission to go to the guidance appointment.
- When you get to guidance, sign in, let the person at the desk know you are there for an appointment, and have a seat.
WHO AM I? AND WHERE AM I GOING??

Know your goals:
- 4 Year College
- State College (formerly known as community college)
- Technical School
- Military
- Job right out of high school

How motivated am I?

Do I want only to take an academic concentration?

How can I compete with others so I can stand out when it comes to scholarships and college admissions?
WHAT CAN HELP ME REACH MY GOALS?

- Being informed means making good decisions!
- NEXT Magazine
  http://www.floridianext.com/
- College and Career Center
- Scholarship Center
- FLVC.org and Florida Choices
PREPARE YOURSELF ACADEMICALLY!

Building a strong educational foundation in high school will help you reach your future goals.
Graduation Options

- Traditional Diploma, 24 credits, 4 year plan
- ACCEL, 18 credits, 3 year plan
- Can earn a Scholar or Merit Designation

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Graduation Requirements
Traditional 4-Year Plan

- Minimum 24 credits
- Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
- English-4 credits
- Science-3 credits/2 labs
- Math-4 credits including Alg. I Geometry
- World History-1 credit
- American History-1 credit
- .5 Economics
- .5 US Government
- 1 HOPE (PE/Health)
- 1 Fine Art
- 8 electives
- One online course (FLVS or OCVS)

*Note: Foreign language is NOT required for graduation but required for admission into state universities*
CLASS OF 2018 STATE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Passing score on the 10th Grade English Language Arts Assessment
- Must take and pass Algebra 1 EOC as a graduation requirement
- EOCs will count 30% of student’s final grade for the class: Algebra, Geometry, Biology, U.S. History and Algebra II (if enrolled)
GRADE LEVEL PROMOTION

- You must have 5.5 credits to go from Grade 9 to Grade 10.
- You must have 11.5 credits to go from Grade 10 to Grade 11.
- You must have 18 credits to go from Grade 11 to Grade 12.
How Do You Calculate Your GPA (Grade Point Average)?

Each letter grade has a value:
- “A” is worth 4 points
- “B” is worth 3 points
- “C” is worth 2 points
- “D” is worth 1 point
- “F” is worth 0 points
- Cumulative GPA is all points added together and divided by the number of classes/credits attempted.
Example Of GPA Calculation

- Math: A - 4 points
- English: B - 3 points
- World Hist.: C - 2 points
- Chorus: A - 4 points
- Science: D - 1 point
- Spanish: C - 2 points
- Reading: B - 3 points

Total Points: 19
Divide 19 by 7
Total classes/or credits = 2.7 GPA
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WHAT IS COMMUNITY SERVICE?

- COMMUNITY SERVICE
  - Addresses a social concern
  - Work with a non-profit organization
  - Benefits the community
  - Counts towards Bright Futures eligibility
WHAT IS VOLUNTEER SERVICE?

- VOLUNTEER SERVICE
  - You do this out of the kindness of your heart to help someone (example: helping elderly neighbor rake his yard)
  - Might be for an individual, neighbor, friend
  - Doesn’t count towards Bright Futures
  - Might be useful for scholarships
  - Looks good on resume
MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PLAN

- Choose something that addresses a social issue or concern
- Pick up a form in Building 19 office or on the DPHS website
- Type up your plan
- Submit it to your guidance counselor for approval (in writing or in email)
- Pick up your approved plan.
THEN...DO IT!

- Perform your community service
- Log your hours
- Have your supervisor sign off on your hours
- Write a typed reflection (couple of paragraphs) on your community service experience
- Turn in all your paperwork to your guidance counselor
- Counselor puts it on the computer and the papers go in your file.
- ALL Plans MUST be Pre Approved!!
Examples of Social Concerns

- Service to youth
- Quality of life
- Health/Safety
- Environment/Historical
- Developmentally/Physically Disabled
Examples of Non-Profit Organizations

- See community service packet for more details!
Scholarships funded by the Florida Lottery
Based on Academic Merit
Seniors will apply for Bright Futures online through English classes in a computer lab
Three levels of awards
FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES

http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

100 hours documented community service

MEDALLION SCHOLARS

75 Hours documented community service

GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL

30 hours documented community service
(For 2 year schools only)

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WHAT IS THE PSAT?

- The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) looks at your current skills:
  - **Critical reading skills**
  - **Math problem-solving skills**
  - **Writing skills**
WHY TAKE THE PSAT?

• Prepare for the SAT college admission test
• Qualify for scholarships (if you are in eleventh grade).
• Compare scores with other college-bound students around the country.
• Get personalized feedback on skills, strengths, and weaknesses
• AP Potential
PSAT: When? Where? Cost?

- Test date: Wednesday October 15, 2014
- Free for freshman (the State of Florida pays for it!)
- Testing takes place here at DPHS!
ACT AND COLLEGE BOARD SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- If you have a 504 Plan or an IEP, there is an process for applying for accommodations while taking the PSAT, SAT or ACT. See Mrs. Maderer or Mrs. Borgon. We’ll have a meeting to tell you more about the process. Information can be found on the websites:
  - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
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Post-High School Options

- 4-year University
- State College - 2-year degree, 4-year degree, or certificate program
- Technical School Program
- Workforce
- Military
Jobs that Require Two Years of College or Technical School

- Computer Support
- Registered Nurse
- Dental Hygienist
- Firefighters
- Heating/AC Mechanics
- Automobile Mechanic
- Administrative Assistant
Jobs that Require a Four-Year College Education

- Teacher
- Social Worker
- Accountant
- Engineer
- Insurance Agent
- Dietitian
- Zoologist
- Journalist
- Bank Manager
Jobs That Require MORE Than Four Years of College

- Counselor
- Doctor
- Lawyer
- Pharmacist
- Architect
- Dentist
- Psychologist
- Veterinarian
- University Professor

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Required for College

- Must meet all high school minimum graduation requirements
- Four years of math, Algebra I equivalent and higher
- Four years of lab science (including biology, chemistry)
- Two or more years foreign language (3-4 years is best)
- SAT/ACT
The Military

- Air Force: 407/240-0172 or www.airforce.com
- Army: 407/345-8701 x 4995 or www.goarmy.com
- Navy: www.navy.com or 1-800-NAVY
- Marines: www.Marines.com or 1-800-MARINES
- ASVAB Test
- School ROTC Program
Pointers For Success

- Get enough sleep.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Set up a homework time every night. Have a good study environment.
- Volunteer—helping others can also help YOU.
- Use a calendar or planner to keep track of your homework, tests, and review it every night.
- Be in school every day, on time, ready to work.
- Get involved in school activities. School will be more fun!
TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FUTURE!!

- **Get organized**: Plan in advance! Don’t procrastinate! Get it done TODAY!
- **Be proactive, not reactive**: Control your own destiny, or someone else will!
- **Take care of yourself**: Mentally and physically. Have a positive attitude. Believe in yourself and what you CAN do!
Practice Good Study Habits

- Ask questions and pay attention in class.
- Read the textbook and take notes.
- Do your homework and turn it in!
- Don’t wait until the night before to study for a test. It creates test anxiety!
Don’t be afraid to ask for HELP!

- Ask your teachers if they can help you after school
- Check out tutoring opportunities
- Talk with your counselor
HOMEWORK:
POST-TEST SURVEY

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V8G83MS

- Please take the 10 question post-test on the computer.
- Your teachers will give you a grade for completion of the survey.
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FROM YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS...

HAVE A GREAT YEAR!
QUESTIONS??