

GWHS Student Services Announcements for November 29th – December 5th, 2016

Welcome back everyone! I'm looking forward to working with you this school year.

To keep with tradition, I will continue to post the Student Services Announcement, on the GWHS website. However, items pertaining to Seniors will now be communicated via Naviance's Family Connection. All 12th grade students can access information about Scholarships, College Entrance Exams & Visits, and tools for College and Career readiness on Family Connections. To login, students will need their GWHS issued network login and password. From GWHS website main page click on the link named [Naviance /FamilyConnection](#).

Announcements will be available every Tuesday afternoon with the latest news, miscellaneous awards, events and educational opportunities available to students.

Please keep in mind when applying for awards, scholarships and college admittance that students are responsible for all directions, deadlines and specific criteria required for each application. Please read the instructions and information carefully. When in doubt, feel free to drop by my office for help.

Here's wishing everybody a great 2016/2017 school year!

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NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION MEETINGS - Freshmen, if you did not complete your 8th to 9th grade transition meeting, please call Mrs. Esquivel to schedule an appointment with the counselor. The goal of this mandatory meeting is to provide academic counseling regarding high school. Students and at least one parent or guardian must meet with the counselor to discuss credits and requirements necessary for high school graduation.

NCAA REGISTRATION – It is time for college-bound student-athletes to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Who Should Register? Any current high school sophomore, junior or senior who wishes to participate in collegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II college or university should register. How Does Registration Work? Registrants may access the site at www.eligibilitycenter.org. From the home page, click on "Enter Here" for NCAA college-bound student-athletes, then on the "New Account" link in the upper right corner. From there, simply follow the prompts.

SENIOR AUDITS – Senior audits will continue to be held this fall. All seniors must meet with the counselor for their senior audit. The audit is a graduation requirement. If you did not complete your senior audit last spring, please call Mrs. Esquivel to schedule an appointment with the counselor.

AWARDS & CONTESTS

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION (FRA) AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST – FRA sponsors an annual essay contest to promote the spirit of Americanism and patriotism among our country's youth. FRA's Americanism Essay Contest is open to all students, grades 7 through 12, including those who are home schooled. Students are invited to submit a 350-word essay through our local FRA branch #137 before the **December 1st deadline**. Local winners are forwarded for competition at the regional level and regional winners compete for national prizes. 2016-2017 This year's theme is: "What Memorial Day Means to Me." To apply, visit: www.fra.org/essay or for a copy of the rules, click on the following link: <http://schools.dcsd.k12.nv.us/gwhs/StudentServicesDocs/2016-2017FRAEssayRules.pdf>

SOROPTIMIST VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD - This program honors young women between 8th and 11th grade who volunteer for action such as fighting drugs, crime and violence, cleaning up the environment or working to end discrimination and poverty. As a volunteer service organization Soroptimist believes that by acknowledging young women's volunteer involvement now, they will grow up to be vital active members of the community. The deadline for submission is **Tuesday, December 1, 2016**. For applications or more information, click on the following link: [Violet Richardson Award](#)

CAREER AND COLLEGE PLANNING TOOLS

EVENTS

PAST EVENT ARCHIVES:

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT – Was held on Wednesday, September 21st. If you missed it and would like to see the presentation, click on the following link:

<http://schools.dcsd.k12.nv.us/gwhs/StudentServicesDocs/SeniorParentNight.pdf>

FOREIGN EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

CONGRESS – BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE (CBYX) – Spend ten months in Germany! The U.S. State Department funded Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program offers 250 full scholarships for motivated high school students who want to fully immerse themselves in German culture by living with a host family and attending a local high school. Currently they are recruiting students from Nevada for the 2017-2018 program year. Candidates must be US citizens, national or permanent residents between the ages of 15 and 18 ½ at the start of the program. No previous language experience is required. For more information visit www.USAGermanyScholarship.org. The deadline to apply is **January 15th, 2017**.

TESTING INFORMATION

ACT TEST DATES

Testing Date	Deadline to Register
September 10, 2016	August 19 (Late Deadline)
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017

SAT TEST DATES

Testing Date	Deadline to Register
October 1, 2016	September 1, 2016
November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017

2017 ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST DATES

Date	Time	Subject
Monday, May 1st	8:00 AM	AP Chemistry
Wednesday, May 3rd	8:00 AM	AP English Literature
Thursday, May 4th	8:00 AM	AP US Government and Politics
Friday, May 5th	8:00 AM	AP US History
Friday, May 5th	12:00 PM	AP Computer Science Principles
Monday, May 8th	8:00 AM	AP Biology
Tuesday, May 9th	8:00 AM	AP Calculus