

PHOENIX NOTES

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Principal's Corner

We are into our final push of the school year following our last break from school. I am hopeful that everyone enjoyed their time off and got plenty of rest; ready to close out the school year strong.

Seniors, we are diligently working to plan your end of the year activities.

As you know, we have dates set for Senior Pinning, Senior Prom and Graduation. I am hopeful that these events will go on as they are all planned as an outdoor event!

We are approaching a busy time of the year as we will begin planning for next school year. It is important for families to look over the course selection sheet so that they can input selections electronically by April 30th. Course selection sheets will be available during scheduling meetings this week.

As we get information regarding summer programming at the school, we will share. Meanwhile, inform your counselor of things you are interested in doing over the summer.

District Closure

Due to the rise in the infection rate in the city, the district has sent messaging regarding the closure of schools after Spring Break. Please note that there will be no in person learning or learning center availability for the two weeks following Spring Break. Students may return to the Learning Center the week of April 19th. Students who need to pick up Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance Awards must wait until the week of April 19th.

During the next two weeks, please look for a wellness call from our staff, including your learning preference for the 4th quarter.

The Technology Hub will reopen on April 12th. If there are any technology issues, please contact the help desk at 313.576.0100.

State Assessments

Although in person learning is closed until April 19th, the state and district still plan to administer the PSAT 9, PSAT 10, SAT, MME and ACT Workkeys. These assessments will be offered in person for our students. Students should arrive at school by 7:45am on their day.

- 4/13: SAT – 11th Grade
- 4/14: ACT Workkeys – 11th Grade & PSAT 9
- 4/15: PSAT 10
- 4/16: MME – 11th Grade



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Scheduling Meetings 4/6 – 4/8
- Title I Parent Workshop 4/8
- Boys 2 Men 4/8, 4/29 & 5/20
- Brown Skin Girls 4/8, 4/29 & 5/20
- Small Group Scheduling 4/12 – 4/24
- SCOIR Informational 4/12 – 4/16
- PTSA Meeting 4/15
- Quarter 3 Ends 4/20
- Quarter 4 Begins 4/21
- Report Card Day 4/27

I don't know how to explain to you that you should care for other people.

-Dr, Anthony Fauci



Male & Female Workshops

In an effort to address concerns brought forth by our student body, we will host a workshop series for our male and female students in separate sessions.

All workshops will occur during seminar on April 8th, 29th and May 20th. The links will be provided on the Student and Staff Channel on Teams. These sessions will be interactive and informative.

Boys to Men Series

The Impact of Cyberbullying, 4/8
Grownish, Male Responsibilities, 4/29
Your Words Have Power, 5/20

Brown Skin Girls

Food for the Soul, 4/8
Benefits of a Daily Dance Party, 4/29
Motivate My Mind, 5/20

All sessions will be hosted by our staff and community partners.



Athletic Update

Our Girls Basketball Team are in the Regional State Tournament. We are anxious for a state championship. Please show your support to our Lady Phoenix! Spring sports are underway. All teams have begun. If you are interested in joining any teams, contact AC Lopez for questions @ joshua.lopez@detroitk12.org



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Class of 2024:

I am Malala

Class of 2023:

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Class of 2022:

The Handmaid's Tale

Class of 2021:

Uglies

Administrator Office Hours, 1pm – 2pm

Monday: C. Powell, AP

<https://tinyurl.com/AdminOfficeHours20-21>

Tuesday: J. White, Dean

<https://tinyurl.com/AdminOfficeHours20-21>

Wednesday: V. Stroughter, Principal

<https://tinyurl.com/StroughterWeeklyOfficeHours>

Thursday: S. Sims, AP

<https://tinyurl.com/AdminOfficeHours20-21>

Friday: L. Grady, AP

<https://tinyurl.com/AdminOfficeHours20-21>

Counseling Office Hours, 12pm – 1pm

Tuesday: G. Duncan, H – O

<https://tinyurl.com/CounselorsOfficeHours20-21>

Wednesday: M. Jones, A – G

<https://tinyurl.com/CounselorsOfficeHours20-21>

Thursday: M. Bell, P – Z

<https://tinyurl.com/CounselorsOfficeHours20-21>

Share Talk: 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month

Student Share Talk Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/RHSSStudentShare>

Parent Share Talk Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/RHSParentShare>

Notes from the Counselors

The Expect Respect Character Trait for April is Compassion

This month is Autism Awareness month. The counseling department will host an event recognizing Autism Awareness on April 9th. Activities to create a culture of kindness and compassion will occur during the month of April.

Student Scheduling (2021-22)

Counselors will host scheduling meetings this week to share course availability by grade level. The schedule is as follows:

- 9th Grade – April 6th, 1:30pm
- 10th Grade – April 7th, 1:00pm
- 11th Grade – April 8th, 1:00pm

During these meetings, lead teachers will discuss course offerings within their departments including advanced programs.

Beginning April 12th, counselors will visit student math courses for small group discussions regarding scheduling options. Students will have an opportunity to create a plan and discuss future courses with their counselor.

Students will receive access to course request form that must be turned in electronically by April 30th.

Now is the time to apply for Summer Programs. Some programs are highly selective and accept only those students who meet specific academic standards. Other programs are open to those who apply and pay the fees on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some programs offer scholarships which usually have an earlier application deadline. To find an application or information, go to counseling tab on the website for links.