

GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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Dear Junior Parent/Guardian:

The members of the Counseling Department have enjoyed working with your child while he or she has attended Great Valley High School. During the past year, your child completed their career profile/interest inventory in NAVIANCE. We met individually with your son/daughter to discuss how their interests match with the interests of people in various careers. If you have a NAVIANCE parent/guardian account already set up (as a result of having an older child in GVHS), you should be able to access these survey results. If you do not yet have an account, in the coming weeks you will be emailed a one-time NAVIANCE registration code. Once you set up your individual parent/guardian account, you will be able to view the results of this survey.

Please note that on **Saturday, September 11**, GVHS will offer a virtual practice ACT or SAT test. This practice exam gives students a general idea of how they might score on a real SAT and ACT exam, so they can become familiar with the format of the test. More information and registration directions will follow in a few weeks. A second round of virtual practice exams will be offered on **Saturday, February 5**. Please also keep in mind that GVSD gives the **PSAT** (the official practice exam for the SAT) free of charge to all juniors during school hours. The date of the PSAT this year is **Wednesday, October 13**. You will receive more information about the PSAT in September, and there is no need to register for the test.

Junior year is an exciting and important year. Yet, sometimes it is also an overwhelming time for a high school student. The junior year is especially important for those who plan to attend post-secondary programs after high school. Many students will take very challenging courses, and many will have their first experience with college admissions testing. Juniors will also make decisions that are imperative for a successful future. We look forward to assisting your son or daughter with planning and preparing for their future.

Counselors will meet individually with all junior students starting in November. Parents will be invited and **encouraged** to attend this important junior meeting. During this meeting, time will be spent discussing post-secondary plans and career aspirations. We will review the college process for students who plan to attend institutions of higher learning. Our annual **Junior Student/Parent Night** will be held on **Thursday, October 28 at 6:30 PM**. In the past we have included guest speakers who have provided valuable information about the college admission process, financial aid, standardized testing, student athlete/NCAA regulations, and other options for students who are planning to move directly from school to career.

Counselor caseloads will remain the same as last year. Students whose last names begin with **A-Da** are assigned to Mr. Robert Lavelle; **Db-Hop** will work with Ms. Meridith Bebee, who is also the Counseling Department Chairperson; **Hoq-McL** will work with Ms. Carrie Kane; **McM-Sai** will work with Ms. Anna Saracino; and **Saj-Z** will work with Mr. Jeff Martin.

Please note that students who participate in the National School Lunch Program or who have acute financial need are eligible to have fees waived for school activities as well as SAT, ACT and AP exams. Please contact your student's counselor if/when you require financial assistance for school-related activities.

We look forward to an exciting and productive junior year with your son/daughter. If we can be of assistance, please contact our department at 610-889-1918, ext. 21930. You can also access resources, dates and forms on the [GVHS Counseling website](#). Counselors will return to work with all faculty on **August 24**.

Sincerely,

The Counseling Department