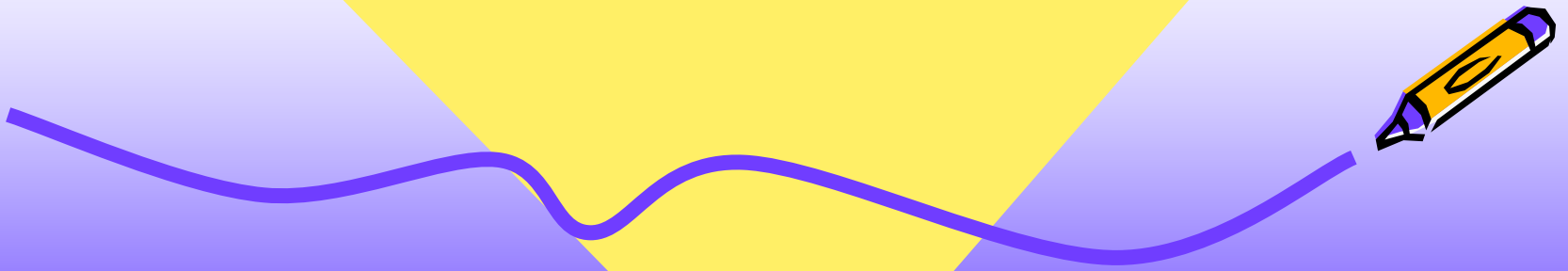


Back to School Night Howard High School

Grade 12



Best Practices for School Communication

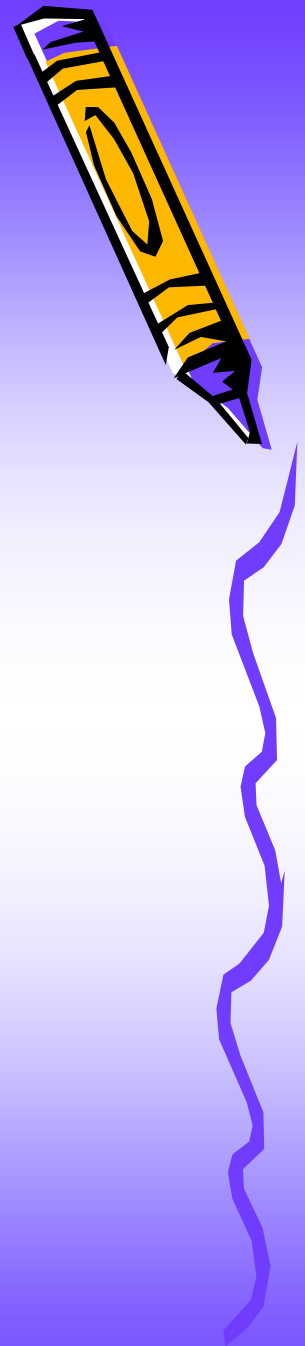
The Administration Team

Principal

Ms. Gina Massella

Assistant Principals

- Mr. Mark Covington, 9th Grade
- Ms. Kedre Fairley, 10-12, H-O
 - Mr. Steve Levy, 10-12, P-Z
- Ms. Lisa Veslany, 10-12, A-G



Best Practices for School Communication

Who are the Instructional Team Leaders (ITL's)?

- Ms. Debbie Bates, Special Education
 - Mr. Patrick Crouse, Math
- Mr. David Glenn, Student Services
 - Mr. Scott Grant, Science
 - Mr. Jon Hollander, History
- Mr. Richard Jenkins, Fine Arts, PE, Dance
 - Mr. Tom Knox, English
- Ms. Julia Martinez, World Language
 - Ms. Mary Metzler, CTE



Best Practices for School Communication

- Communicate with your student
- Communicate with your student's teacher
(i.e., email, phone call, meeting)
Form plan together on how to address concern(s)
- Involve your student's School Counselor
- Converse with the Instructional Team Leader
- Contact your student's Administrator



Attendance



- Unlawfully missing 5% (9 absences) of a course will result in a possible denial of credit for that course.
- Being more than 20 minutes late to a class will result in an absence for that class.
- Being more than 120 minutes late to school will result in 1/2 day absence.



Legal Absences

- Death in the immediate family
- Illness
- Court summons
- Work if approved by Principal
- Observance of religious holidays



Student Resources



- Peer Mediation
 - What is it? A program designed to mediate problems between students
 - Who is involved? The peer mediators, students, guidance counselors and administrators
 - Where do they take place? In the guidance office



Why do students need them? To help resolve ongoing disputes

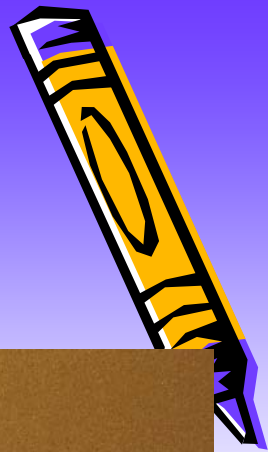
Officer Mike Williams School Resource Officer



Mr. Kevin McDuffie Security



Mrs. Barbara Prechtl
Mrs. Karen Surdu
Registrars



Mrs. Elaine Walker

Principal's Secretary





Safe School Environment

- **Bullying-Safe Schools Reporting Act** of 2005 states that bullying is conduct that creates a hostile educational environment by substantially interfering with a students' educational benefits, opportunities, or performance, or with a student's physical or psychological well-being and is motivated by an actual or perceived personal characteristic.
- **Cyber-bullying**-Using the internet, cell phones and other technological devices to harass, humiliate, intimidate or threaten others.
- **Harassment**-A sufficiently severe action or persistent, pervasive pattern of actions or statements directed at an identifiable individual or group, that is intended to be ridiculing or demeaning.
- Discussions of illegal substances or contraband could lead to conversations and searches by administrators.
- **Dress Code Policy**- Please become familiar with HCPSS policy (t-shirts, belt buckles, head coverings).



Alcohol Use Among Adolescents



- Each year, approximately 5,000 young people under the age of 21 die as a result of underage drinking.
- Frequent binge drinkers million high are more likely to engage in risky behaviors.



Alcohol at School



- When a student has possession of alcohol or consumed before entering school property they are subject to school and police action
- If you suspect that students are drinking feel free to call student services at 410-313-2871.
- SRO (School Recourse Officer): Corp. Mike Williams: feel free to contact with questions and concerns.



Underage Drinking Laws



- Penalties for underage drinking can include community service and up to a \$500 fine on the first offense.
- It can go on permanent record and can make it difficult to obtain college acceptance or employment.
- "Drinking in the home? Parents can also be tried and fined up to \$500 per child."



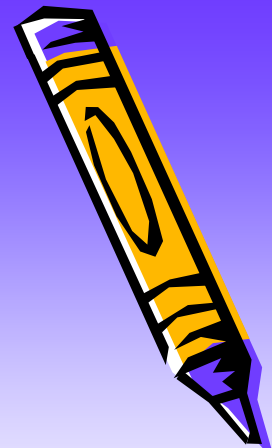
Electronic Policies



- Double O policy (off and out of sight)
- Between 7:20 - 2:10 no electronic devices
- Consequences will be assigned as follows:
 - 1st detention : device returned at the end of day
 - 2nd Friday/Saturday school. Parent retrieve device
 - 3rd In school suspension. Parent retrieve device
 - 4th In school suspension. Device retrieved at the end of the academic quarter.
 - 5th Consequence assigned by administrator. Device retrieved at the end of the academic quarter

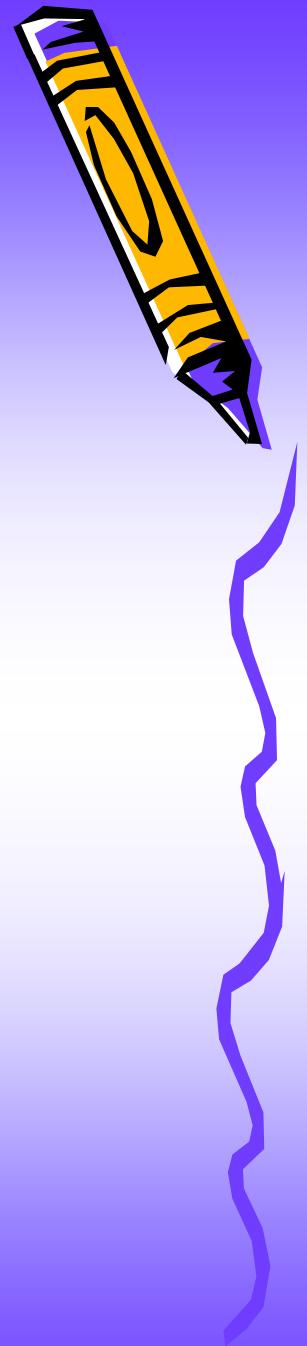


Student Involvement



- **Student Organizations and Advisors**
- Animation.....Michael Prymus
- Black Student Leaders Association.....Linda McEwen
- Character Education.....Rita Cole
- BandChris Campbell
- DebateCayman Giordano
- Drama.....Mitch Davis
- Environmental Club.....Cheryl Rice and Debbie Bates
- Freshmen Class.....Linda Stephens
- International Club.....Laarni Lucero and Sylvia Lillehoj
- It's Academic.....John Gilbert
- Junior Class.....Brad Dryer
- Math TeamCurtis Galbreath
- National Art Honor Society.....Rick Gardner and Molly Brennan
- National Honor Society.....James Burrows
- Newspaper.....Venice Ferguson
- Photography.....Rick Gardner
- Ping Pong.....Nathan Ferrell
- Principal's Advisory.....Gina Massella
- Senior Class.....Molly Hutto
- SGA.....James Graham/Amanda Orndorff
- SHOP.....Brandon Kovalski
- Sophomore Class.....Kate Castellucci
- Stage.....Mitch Davis
- Step Team.....Natasha Smith
- Student Technicians.....Larry Vazzano
- Whale Club.....Ron Capruso
- Yearbook.....Brad Dyer





- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
TUTORING
- BEGINS SEPTEMBER 24TH
- MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY
- AFTER SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER
- JUST SHOW UP
- HELP IN ALL SUBJECTS



Student Behaviors at School Sponsored Events



- Dances: Howard High School does have a dance policy- if a student continues to disregard policy the student will be asked to leave the dance.
- Athletic events: HCPSS does not allow students to stand in the bleachers during athletic events-noise makers are prohibited.
- Unsportsmanlike Conduct- Name calling during games.



Reminder: No outside food or drink purchases are permitted in the stadium or

Reminder

- Power Point will be posted on Howard High Web site:

<http://www.howardhighschool.net/>





- GUIDANCE



What will I learn today?



- Basic information for college-bound seniors
 - What colleges expect
 - How to make yourself more appealing to admissions counselors
- Senior Year Timeline



Ask Yourself...

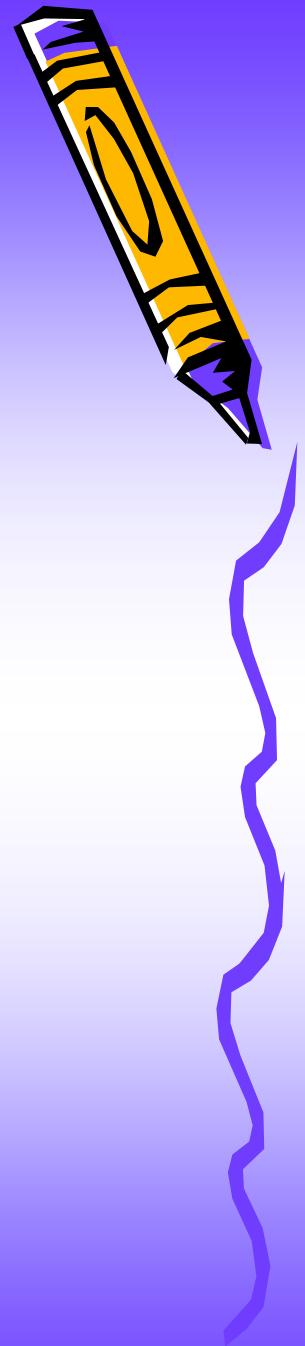
- Am I doing what is necessary to make the transition to college?
- Am I doing all that I can to make myself appealing to colleges?



Have I completed all the minimum college requirements?

Requirements

- English: 4 Years
- Social Studies: 3 Years
- Math: 3-4 Years
- Science: 3 Years
- World Languages: 2-4 Years



Have I completed all the minimum college requirements?

Minimum Requirements cont.'

- Community Service
- SAT's
- AP Classes
- Honors and Gifted/Talented courses
- Teacher Recommendations
- High School Assessments
 - All Seniors in the Class of 2009 are required to pass the High School Assessments in order participate in Graduation in May. If you have any questions about this requirement, please see Mr. Glenn as soon as possible.
 - BRIDGE PLAN - As an insurance policy we will have seniors working on Bridge Plan modules as well as being prepared for the test. One will support the other.



The SATs or ACTs?

- Most colleges require applicants to take college entrance tests.

SAT - CollegeBoard

www.collegeboard.com

ACT - American College Testing

www.actstudent.org



Have you taken the SATs or ACTs?



- Upcoming SAT Dates:

- November 1

Registration Deadline: September 26 ****AT HOWARD H.S.****

- December 6

Registration Deadline: November 5

- January 24

Registration Deadline: December 26

- Upcoming ACT Dates:

- October 25

Registration Deadline: September 19

- December 13

Registration Deadline: November 7



Senior Year Timeline

- Take SAT's/ACT's
- Compile list of schools, places to visit
- Application due dates
- Get teacher recommendations
- Work on essay(s), personal statement
- Apply for Financial Aid



Transcripts



- New Procedure for 2008-09
 - No transcript will be mailed until the Transcript Request Form is completed and fee paid (\$4.00 per transcript).
 - Individual transcripts can be purchased. See Mrs. Prechtl or Mrs. Surdu in the Registrar's office.



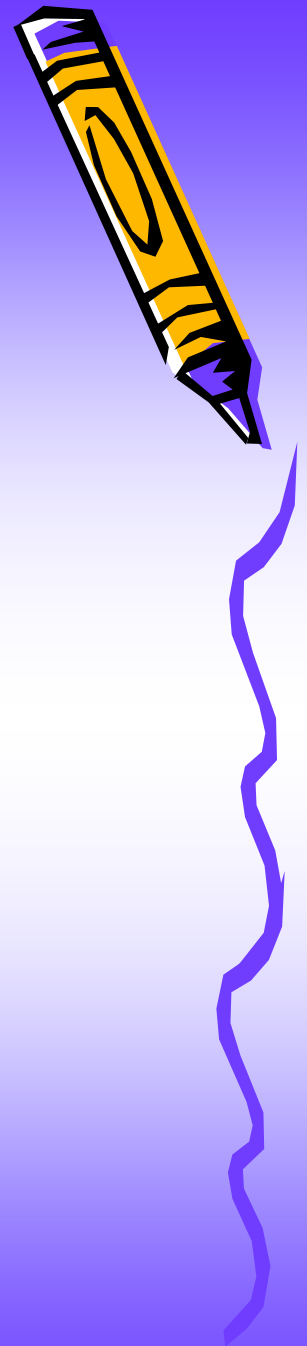
FYI...



- Weighted and unweighted GPA and Rank will be listed on your transcript when they are mailed.
- FYI- SAT scores are no longer listed on transcripts
- Send scores directly from the CollegeBoard (collegeboard.com) to the colleges(s) of your choice.
- Colleges will see 1st and 2nd quarter grades & Exam grades when you apply to school & will review your last two quarters...
- School Code/CEEB Code- the same code = 210510



Scholarships & Financial Aid



- Career Center- local scholarships
- HCPSS Database- www.hcpss.org
click on the Scholarship Search link on the right
- Websites:
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.collegelink.com
- Financial Aid- www.fafsa.ed.gov
-January 1...First day to submit FAFSA
(submit early to maximize aid)



Financial Aid



- All students pursuing postsecondary education should apply for financial aid.
- Money for college is available regardless of academic, social or financial background.

Types of aid:

- Grants- are awards of money that you do not have to pay back.
- Work-Study- gives you the chance to work & earn the money you needs.
- Loans- are borrowed money that you must repay with interest.



Questions?????

