

# Clinton High School Counselors' Chat

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## It is Never too Early to Plan

The registration process for choosing your 2018-2019 classes begins in December! All students in grades 9-11 will be reviewing the Career and Educational Planning Guide during Rise Above time starting December 19 –21 2017. The Career and Educational Planning Guide is the primary resource students will use while planning for next school year. It contains a wealth of



information including graduation requirements, courses by first opportunity to select, course descriptions, Honors/AP/ Concurrent Enrollment opportunities, co-curricular information and post-secondary planning resources. This guide is available for students

to use for these three days in December during Rise Above time as they develop a rough draft of their course selections for the 2018 -19 school year.

The Career and Educational Planning Guide will also be available on the CCSD website in the middle of December.

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Clinton Community School District Parents : Copies of the news letter are now E-mailed to each current student household. Copies of the newsletters are also available on the Clinton High School website .

# Registration information

## Registration Steps:

1. Review Career and Educational Planning Guide during homeroom (be sure to look at graduation requirements and read course descriptions).
2. Develop a rough draft of your course selections for the 2018-2019 school year using the draft template provided by your homeroom teacher (make sure to include 3 alternates).
3. By December 22, 2017 create your final list of courses including alternates and complete the official registration worksheet provided by your homeroom teacher (this will be an NCR document that will stay with your homeroom teacher until they turn them into the school counseling office prior to Winter Break).
4. Starting January 3rd, 2018 students will be responsible for scheduling a registration appointment with their school counselor. You can do this by stopping in the school counseling office and making your appointment with Mrs. Jordan.
5. Keep and attend your scheduled registration appointment. During your registration appointment you will meet with your school counselor to discuss your graduation status, post-secondary plans, and course selections. At this time you and your school counselor will sign-off on your course selections and complete any additional paperwork that might be necessary (applications for concurrent enrollment, etc.)
6. The “Yellow” NCR copy of your completed registration worksheet will be sent home with you for you to obtain a parent signature. Please return your “yellow” parent signed registration worksheet to your school counselor along with any additional completed paperwork that you may have received as soon as possible.

**Please remember that we use your course requests to build our master schedule. Since we develop our schedule based on your requests it is imperative that you choose your classes wisely. Schedule changes will only be made for computer error, course failures and changes within our master schedule. Please see your school counselor with any questions! Happy Planning!**

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[www.clintonia.k12.ia.us](http://www.clintonia.k12.ia.us). Find us under “Parents” and select CCSD Counseling.

# CHS Students Supports

## Class of 2018

CHS Students Supports Information

### Students & Parents

Our students' academic progress and education success is the number one priority here at CHS. Therefore, we have additional supports in place to ensure student success at all grade levels. Please utilize the following resources:

**-Math Help:** This support is provided by actual CHS math teachers for students who need help in any math class. The morning session is from 7:15-7:45 in room 217 (Mr. Smith) and the afternoon session is from 3:05-3:35 in room 214 (Mrs. Hansen)

**-Lunch Study Tables:** This support is in place for any student who is currently failing any courses. Students are given a pass to eat lunch during Rise Above Time. During the students regular scheduled lunch time they are to report to the study table room. This is expected every day until the student is passing the course. Students can also attend on their own if they wish.

### School Detention:

Excessive tardiness are being addressed individually by administration. Teachers are encouraged to

assign their own detentions as they see fit and involve administration if students fail to serve.

**-AP/Honors Lunch Study Table:** Any AP/Honor student who is at a C or below will be given a pass to eat their lunch during Rise Above Time. During the students regular scheduled lunch time they are to report to the AP/Honors study table room 217. This is expected everyday until the student is above a C. Students can also attend on their own if they wish

**-Sixth Period :** This is another chance for students to get help in all subject areas after school hours at CHS. The At-Risk teachers are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday in their rooms from 3:00-3:30p.m. Students can also attend on their own if they wish.

### -Classroom Guidance:

Is your student in English 12, AP Literature, AP Language, Health and AP World History this year? If so, then we will be seeing them for our core curriculum. Core Curriculum lesson are our chance to get into the classroom and work with students on planning for their future. Part of our curriculum in each class is to explore the future. We start talking to

your students about the courses they want to take while here at high school and what their plans are after they graduate. Are they looking into going to college? If so, for what? Are they thinking about the military or are they looking at going straight into the work force? We very much look forward to seeing the students soon.

### -The CHS Counseling

All Students!!!

The school counseling office is proud to offer a variety of groups for the students of CHS. If you think your student could benefit from being in a particular type of group please have them stop in to his/her counselor. We also welcome our student input about the types of groups they would like to see at Clinton High School. Here are just a few of the groups that we had at CHS last year, a transition group for freshmen, a test taking/study skills group, and leadership groups for males/females. We hope to offer more groups in the second and third trimester. All ideas are very much welcome.

# Senior Information Corner

Class of 2018

## Applications to College

-Seniors, as you are looking forward to the last half of your year remember that you should be completing your college applications. Colleges recommend applying as soon as possible and preferably by winter break. Don't forget to send your transcripts to schools that want them. Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa and the University of Iowa do not require a transcript at the time of your application. Some schools do have application deadlines, so be sure to check the website of schools you are planning to apply to. The sooner you get your application in the sooner you can get started on housing, scholarships and all the important matters, essential to a successful freshman year at college.

## Scholarships –

Seniors should be exploring scholarship opportunities at this time. As the holiday season approaches, it is a great time to sit down and start looking at the scholarship opportunities available to you at the college of your choice, within the community and those which are available through the school counseling office. Here

are just a few ways to stay abreast of the scholarships available through the school counseling office:

1. Listen to announcements
2. Follow CHS Counseling on Facebook or Twitter ([www.twitter.com/chscounselingia](http://www.twitter.com/chscounselingia))
3. Come to the school counseling office on a weekly basis to check the white board.
4. Check the list under CCSD Counseling on the school website – [www.clinton.k12.ia.us](http://www.clinton.k12.ia.us)

## Senior Seminars –

Watch out for senior seminars coming soon. Seminars consist of a variety of representatives coming to CHS to talk about their profession. Students will see the diversity in the opportunities available to them after high school. Seminars we have had in the past include numerous health care professions, business, criminal justice, education, and engineering.

## FAFSA Pin –

Students were able to start completing the FAFSA after October 1, 2017. If you are planning to attend any four year colleges or universities you must have a FSA ID to serve as your electronic signature and provides access to

your personal records. You can apply for the FSA ID at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

## Iowa Financial Aid –

The Iowa Financial Aid Application can be found on [www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov](http://www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov). It is available October 1, 2017 through March 1, 2018. Priority FAFSA and Iowa Financial Aid Application Deadline is March 1. Priority will be given to students whose applications are received on or before March 1, 2018. Applications received after the March 1, priority date will be considered for an award only if funding remains once all renewals and priority applicants have been awarded. It combines applications for six undergraduate student financial aid programs into one application process. Students can apply for the following scholarships: All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship, Iowa National Guard Education Assistance Program, Education Training Voucher, Robert D. Blue Scholarship, Kibbie Grant, GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship, Iowa Tuition Grant, and Iowa State Fair Scholarship.

## Junior's

**The place to find out what you need to know if you are a junior or if you are a parent/guardian of a junior.**

- It is imperative that all juniors make a counseling appointment starting Tuesday, January 3, 2018 to register for their senior year courses. This may be one of the most important counseling appointments they have! We will go over graduation requirements, post-secondary plans, course selections, and also talk about the option of graduating early.

- Even though May 2019 your graduation month, may feel a long ways away, you need to start planning for it now. Do you know what you want to do after graduation? If you are going to a post-secondary institution, do you know which one? If you don't have answers to those questions you need to start thinking about what possible answers may be. Sometimes finding not what you want may be as simple as figuring out what you don't want in life. The I Have A Plan Iowa website ([www.ihaveaplaniowa.org](http://www.ihaveaplaniowa.org)) is a great way to start exploring options for life after CHS.

- One way to find out if a career is right for you is to do a job shadow for that career. A job shadow is when you are able to observe a professional during their work day. Sometimes this experience can cement your decision about a career. Observing someone for a length of time can show you what the career actually involves. Sometimes there are parts to a career that you didn't even know about. If you are interested in during a job shadow please make an appointment with your counselor in the counseling office.
- -If your student is considering playing sports in college at the NCAA Division I or II level or within the NAIA they are to sign up at the NCAA or NAIA eligibility centers. Both can be found online and students are to sign up during the spring of their junior year.

-Remember that all junior's are strongly encouraged to take the ACT during their Junior year if they are planning on attending any postsecondary Colleges or Universities. ACT Testing dates with deadline, fees can be found at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). It can also be found within this newsletter. If you have question about the ACT Test , please stop in the counselor office and talk with your counselor. You can also find information about the ACT Testing at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

**-If you have any questions as you go through your junior year please to not hesitate to ask. The junior year is a strenuous year. Students are trying to improve their grades for college acceptance while also trying to figure out what they want to do after graduation. We are here to help students and parents/guardians every step of the way. Please feel free to contact your counselor if you have any questions, concerns or need help.**

# ACT TESTING Dates

## National Testing Dates

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	( Late Fee Required)	Photo Upload
February 10, 2018	January 12,2018	January 13-19, 2018	February 2
April 14, 2018	March 9, 208	March 10-23, 2018	April 6
June 9, 2018	May 4, 208	May 5-18, 2018	June 1
July 14,2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018	July 6

### National School Counseling Week

National School Counseling Week is February 5-9, 2018. The theme for this year “ Helping Students Reach for the Stars, " will be celebrated from Feb. 5-9, 2018, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. Our school counseling office will celebrate National School Counseling week with our students. Listen to our daily announcements for more information as we get closer to February.

# Clinton Community School District :

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It is the policy of the Clinton Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age, (for employment), marital status, (for programs) sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status, (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the district's Equity Coordinators.

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# December 2017

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19 Rise Above Time Registration in HR -College Applications In HR	20 Rise Above Time Registration in HR -12th FAFSA in HR	21 Rise Above Time Registration in HR -Scholarship in HR	22
25 No School Winter Break	26 No School Winter Break	27 No School Winter Break	28 No School Winter Break	29 No School Winter Break

# January 2018

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 No School Winter Break	2 No School Winter Break	3 Classes Resume Make registration appointment	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15 No School Professional Develop- ment	16	17 High School Conferences 3:30- 7:30 FAFSA 330-6:30 in Innovation Room	18	19
22	23	24 8th grade Parent night / Department Fair in Commons @ 5pm Tours 5:00-5:30 pm 5:30presentation in Vernon Cook Theater	25	26
29	30	31		



## Counseling Chat

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### **8th Grade Parents Night**

We'll be rolling out the welcome mat for Clinton Middle School 8th grade students and parents who will be visiting Clinton High School on January 24, 2018.

Clinton High School administrators, teachers and counselors are looking forward to meeting the new incoming class of 2022 River Kings & Queens.

Students and parents will get a chance to tour our school building. The tours will be given by our CHS student ambassadors. Tours will start in the commons and will run from 5-5:30 p.m. Parents will get a chance to meet teachers during the department fair and there will be an important presentation for students and parents in the Vernon Cook Theater starting at 5:30. If students are unable to attend, parents are still encouraged to attend.