

Counselor's Corner

June 3, 2011

Happenings at Hampstead Hill Academy



Attention 7th Grade Students

The fourth quarter is your last opportunity to improve or maintain your grades and increase your chances of getting into the high school of your choice. It's important that you complete all assignments, ask for extra help when needed and study!

College Corner

The eighth graders will be visiting Loyola University Monday, June 6 for a campus tour and question and answer session. These activities will provide the students with an opportunity to meet college students and get a taste of college life.

Here are a few questions you can ask when you visit a college campus:

Upcoming Field Trips

- The 8th graders will be visiting Loyola University Monday, June 6.
- The eighth graders will be going to Medieval Times on Thursday, June 9.

Service Learning

If you have service learning forms, please turn them into Mrs. Seymour by Friday, June 3 so she can document your hours. Please see Mrs. Seymour if you have any questions about service learning or recording your hours.

Questions about Campus Housing

- Can students choose which college dorm they live in?
- What amenities(air conditioner, refrigerator, bathroom, etc.) do the rooms have?
- How are roommates chosen?

Have a fun and safe summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.



8th Grade Closing

The eighth grade closing will take place Wednesday, June 15 at 8:30 a.m.



- Do all students live on-campus? Do only freshmen?
- What types of security measures are in place at the dorms?

Questions About Classes

- How difficult is it to enroll in classes you need?

Special points of interest:

- HAPPENINGS AT HAMPSTEAD HILL ACADEMY
- QUESTIONS TO ASK ON A COLLEGE VISIT
- MS. THANG'S ADVICE COLUMN
- MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Important Dates :

- AFTERNOON IN THE PARK- JUNE 13
- 8TH GRADE CLOSING- JUNE 15
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-JUNE 17



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Questions to Ask During Your College Visit and Campus Tour



- What is the distance between the dorms and classroom buildings?
- How many students are in each class? What is the faculty-student ratio?
- How many hours per week do you spend in class? How many hours do you study?

Questions About Getting Around

- Does the college have a shuttle service?
- Can students bring a car to campus?
- If there is no transportation, are there stores for supplies and groceries

within walking distance?

Questions About Activities

- What types of clubs are offered?
- Does the college have intramural sports?
- What events (speakers, movies, concerts, festivals, etc.) does the college host?
- What is student life like on the weekends? Week-nights?

Other Questions

- How do you like the cafeteria food? How many

cafeterias does the college have? Do they all offer the same food?

- Are on-campus jobs available?
- Do you feel safe on-campus? Off-campus?
- Why did you choose this school?
- How successful are the college's graduates in finding jobs?
- What do you like best about the school? Is there anything you don't like?
- What type of tutoring programs do you have?
- What percentage of freshmen return for their sophomore year?

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM MS. THANG CAN HELP YOU WITH, WRITE IT DOWN AND DELIVER IT TO HER MAILBOX IN THE MAIN OFFICE.

Dear Ms. Thang

Dear Ms. Thang,

I'm getting excited to start high school, but I'm also worried and upset about leaving my friends. Do you have any advice for me?

-Middle School Student

Dear Middle School Student,

Graduation can bring up all kinds of emotions, especially when it comes to saying goodbye to good friends. Here are some ways to get you through the ups and downs:

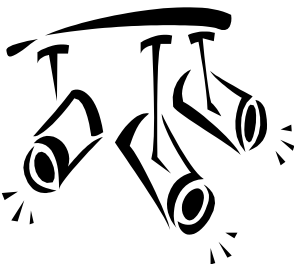
- Make a plan with your friends for how you will stay in touch.

- Have realistic expectations. Chances are relationships will change after middle school ends.
- Be open to making new friends.

Best of Luck,

Ms. Thang

Middle School Students in the Spotlight



Congratulations to:

- The 8th graders on their high school acceptances- They will be attending the following schools next year: Baltimore Polytechnic High School, Baltimore City College, Digital Harbor High School, Friendship Academy of Science and Technology, Baltimore Talent Development High School, Patterson High School, Maryland

Academy of Technology and Health Sciences, City Neighbors High School, Independence School Local 1 High School, Western High School, Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Seton Keough High School- We wish you the best of luck in high school and your future endeavors.

- The 6th graders for having the highest attendance average for May and the year.

