



Winter 2019-20

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Message from the Counseling Department

Thank you for a wonderful start to the year! This fall we have seen great initiative from our students in their preparation to reach Tallmadge City School's mission—to ensure every Tallmadge graduate is successfully employed, enrolled or enlisted after high school.

Over 60% of our seniors have already applied for college, and as a whole are preparing for life after high school to either be employed, enrolled, or enlisted- awesome job seniors!!!!

End of Course Exams (AIR testing)

Fall testing will run December 9-20. Testing information was distributed to students at an informational class meeting regarding testing times on Tuesday, December 3rd during Academy time.

The courses in which students take an end-of-course exam are: English 9 and 10, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History and Participation Government. Tests will be scored on a 1-5 scale and students must earn a total of 18 points to meet graduation requirements.



OUR MANTRA
Empower - Everyone, Everyday



OUR VISION
Tallmadge is a collaborative community that empowers every student.



OUR MISSION
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- **Ohio Graduation Requirements**

During THS Open House on January 30 2020 and during Spring Conferences on March 5 2020 counselors will provide informational sessions regarding the state's new graduation requirements.

For more info:

<http://www.tallmadgeschools.org/GraduationTestingRequirements.aspx>



"We believe, that is, you and I, that education is not an expense. We believe it is an investment."

- Lyndon B. Johnson,
October 16, 1968

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION NIGHT REVIEW

Tallmadge High School' Financial Aid Night was September 18. It is very important for families to note that the FAFSA was available starting October 1st and some universities have priority filing dates as early as December 1st. Please make sure to complete your FAFSA in a timely fashion. If you missed the meeting resources can be found at <http://www.tallmadgeschools.org/ScholarshipsFinAid.aspx>

Seniors: WATCH FOR COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application deadlines are approaching quickly. Please make sure that you have checked your individual school's deadlines so that you can request any materials (recommendations, transcripts, etc.) that you might need for your application to be complete.

Be mindful of priority scholarship deadlines, Honors College deadlines, etc. Seniors should refer to the individual college admissions website for the information on these deadlines. **If you have a January 1 or January 15 deadline please request your transcript and information from the Counseling Office by Friday, December 13.**



Career Fair: January 10th

During Academy on January 10th all freshmen and sophomores will be able to visit the career fair in the gymnasium. Over 20 College Tech-Prep programs offered through the Six District Compact will be featured at the career fair, and student representatives from each of the programs will be on hand to speak to students about their programs and the experiences available through the Six District Compact.

Interested freshmen and sophomores will be able to pick up a program catalog and a permission form to tour the programs before they leave the career fair. Field trip permission forms are due **January 24th**. Visitations of the programs are all scheduled throughout the month of February. Once students have visited the programs, they will then have the opportunity to apply online for the career program of their choice. More information will be provided at the career fair regarding the application process.

Students who are accepted into a program will then be able to spend the following two years of high school gaining valuable knowledge and experience in their chosen career field. For questions about the career fair or programs, please contact Mrs. Lane. For program information please visit www.sixdistrict.com

Coming Up During Spring Semester: Wellness Fair

Tallmadge High School will be putting on a Student Wellness Fair in February- stay tuned for the dates. The fair is a proactive and positive initiative that provides students and staff with self-care strategies! This one week is devoted to making sure we are taking care of ourselves and learning how to cope positively with daily stressors so that we may all be successful!



Overview of College & Career Week

Thank you for all of the wonderful student participation during College & Career Week. During the week of October 14th there were many activities for students and families to gather information on college and career resources. We welcome any suggestions for new events for next year.

College Credit Plus REQUIRED Informational Meeting

Tallmadge High School hosts an informational CCP Meeting in the THS Auditorium on **November 21st**.

Guardian and student attendance at this meeting is **MANDATORY** for participation in the CCP program statewide, if you are unable to attend this meeting you must contact your counselor to make other arrangements.

For further information about CCP and access to CCP forms please visit our website:

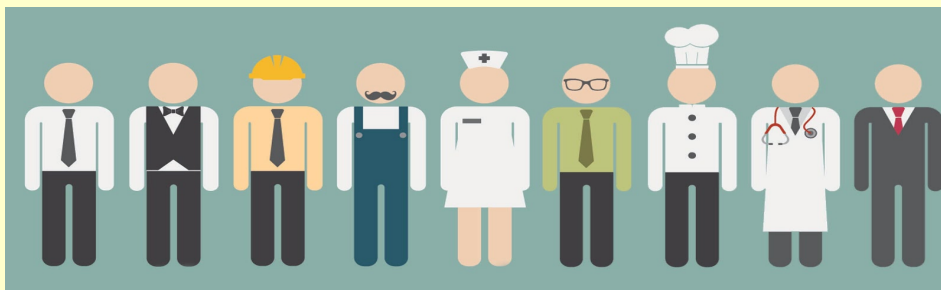
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Credit Flexibility Information Meetings

Credit flexibility is a statewide plan offering opportunities for students to earn units of high school credit based upon the demonstration of subject area competency. Students may earn credit in the following ways: successfully completing traditional coursework, testing out or otherwise showing mastery of the course content, pursuing an educational option and/or individually approved option, or any combination of the above.

Interested students and their parents are invited to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, March 5th 2020 during parent/teacher conference night in the THS Project Room. At the meeting the handbook and applications will be distributed- these resources are also available in the Counseling Office.

Applications for students who intend to pursue a Flex Credit Option must submit application materials by April 1 of the previous school year.



Career Lessons through Naviance

During English class counselors have been working with 9th, 10th, and 11th graders on the Naviance Family Connection Program and teaching classroom guidance lessons helping students identify possible career interests, researching careers, and learning more about their individual learning styles!

AWESOME College & Career Resources Available

There are many web resources for seniors and their families to use when filtering their college search, finding information on standardized testing and researching possible college majors. Please use the recommended sites below:



Tallmadge High School Counseling Department
www.tallmadgeschools.org

Naviance

<http://connection.naviance.com/tallmadgehs>

This is the resource used primarily by the counselors with students. Students can utilize Naviance to complete college searches, request transcripts, and explore career interests and more! The following link will direct you to the Student and Families Naviance Page.

OhioMeansJobs

<https://jobseeker.k-12.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/seeker.aspx>

Students can create their own portfolio as they search for schools, majors and career interests. Excellent
Many more resources for T.H.S. students and parents are available at

Scheduling for 2020-2021

It's almost that time of year again.... that's right scheduling is right around the corner. During the week of February 3rd the counselors will be meeting with students during Academy time to present important scheduling information and hand out scheduling sheets. All scheduling sheets are due on Friday, February 14th.



Local Scholarships

The THS Local Scholarship Program will begin on February 28th, 2020. ALL Seniors should attend the **Local Scholarship Kick-Off Meeting on Friday, February 28th, 2020 during A/B-Academy in the Auditorium.** Scholarships will be available for students intending to ENROLL in college, ENLIST in the military, and enter the world of EMPLOYMENT

In addition to the Local Scholarship Program, there are several Tallmadge families who award scholarships outside of the Local Program. Applications for those scholarships are available on the THS School Counseling website.

