
Student Services Department

October 2021

Meet the Student Services Team



Pictured from left to right: Michaela Vasey, Jim Gyori, Kathleen Leynes, Jennifer Snyder, Katie Davis, Natalie Dobbins, Maria Jellissen, Haley Morelli, Cari Franz, and Lori

October brings us “College Changes Everything” Month and National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month!

To begin, “College Changes Everything” is being promoted this month through different facets. We have our Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) representative, Odalis Arcadio, with us every Tuesday during Flextime Periods 9 and 10 to work with our students on everything related to college. She is also here to assist with the FAFSA completion. The FAFSA opened on October 1, 2021. FAFSA completion or FAFSA waiver is required for graduation. In order to assist families with the FAFSA, we have the FAFSA/ Alternative Application completion night on Wednesday, October 27th from 6:00-8:00pm. During that time, we will have ISAC representatives and School Counselors available to assist with completing the FAFSA. Please make sure to bring the following: Social Security Number(s), Driver’s License Number(s), 2020 W-2 Forms, 2020 Federal Tax Return, Current Bank Records, and if applicable, Foreign Tax Records, Untaxed Income Records, and A-Number.

October also brings us National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month. Please remember that we have our Student Services department available to assist with any of your student’s needs. For more information about National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month, please view these resources:

<https://americanbehavioralclinics.com/national-depression-and-mental-health-screening-month/>

<https://www.nami.org/get-involved/awareness-events/mental-illness-awareness-week>

Attention Seniors! College and Scholarship Updates

Attention Seniors! Don't forget that there are college application deadlines coming up! Reach out to your counselor for any assistance with college application completion, Common App, and/or Parchment. Early Action/Early Decision deadlines are coming up in November. Please see your counselor for any questions!

For updated scholarship opportunities, please visit the website: <https://www.d234.org/student-life/scholarship-and-job-bulletin/>

Career Pathway Elective Summit

November 1 through November 4, we will be running the Career Pathway Elective Summit. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about the electives that are available to them for the 2022-23 school year. ALL students should attend Flextime on their scheduled day.

Juniors- Monday, November 1 during Flextime Period 9
Sophomores- Tuesday, November 2 during Flextime Period 9
Freshmen- Wednesday, November 3 during Flextime Period 9

Career Pathways Upcoming Virtual Visits

To help assist students learn more about the different Career Pathway Options, Triton is offering Virtual Visits for students. These sessions are designed to learn more about your career choice, no matter where you plan to attend after high school. Students are expected to sign up for at least 2 different Career Pathway Virtual Visits. Students will receive this information through their email in order to sign up!

Important Dates

- October 27 from 1:00-3:15p - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 27 from 6:00-8:00p - FAFSA Completion Night in RHS Library
- October 28 from 4:30-7:30p - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 5 - No School: Institute Day
- November 24 - No School: Thanksgiving Break
- November 25 - No School: Thanksgiving Break
- November 26 - No School: Thanksgiving Break
- December 6-10 - Junior Registration Meetings (more information to follow)



Friendly Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that we have changed to the alpha-split model for our counselors and social workers. Below is the breakdown of our alpha-split model.

Alpha Split	School Counselor	School Social Worker
Last Name A-G	Jim Gyori	Kathleen Leynes
Last Name H-O	Maria Jellissen	Haley Morelli
Last Name P-Z	Cari Franz	Jennifer Snyder

We are also lucky enough to have 3 social work interns with us this year: Natalie Dobbins, Jessica Hurtado, and Michaela Vasey. They also have the ability to assist your student throughout the year if the need arises.

If you're interested in making an appointment, here is the link to schedule an appointment:
<https://www.d234.org/student-life/schedule-appointments/>