

Holyoke High School

Guidance News

Early College Planning: Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. in the Holyoke High School Auditorium. A free presentation designed to help parents of **7-10 grade students** start preparing for college. This seminar will be presented in English and Spanish.

MassSTAR: is a youth leadership/citizenship program supported by the General Federation of Woman's Clubs of Massachusetts.

This year the MassSTAR conference will take place at Lasell College in Newton, June 4-6, and is open to one sophomore from each high school in Massachusetts. There is no charge to the student, the student's family or to the school. Registration is still open.

For more information you may go to the MassSTAR website. www.massstar.org

SAT: It is time for **Juniors** to register for the spring administration of the test. June 5, 2010 at **Holyoke High School**. Registration materials are available in the Guidance Department or register online at www.collegeboard.com

Volunteer Opportunities: Geriatric Authority of Holyoke, Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. See your counselor for details.

The American Legion Student Trooper Program will be held at the Massachusetts Police Academy in New Braintree from July 12 – July 16, 2010 and from July 26 – July 30, 2010. For further information see your counselor or go to www.mass.gov/msp/academy - student trooper link – program overview.

Massachusetts Boys and Girls State will this year be held at the same location this year, Stonehill College in Easton, MA, and will share some joint activities. This year's program will begin on June 12th, for boys, and June 13th for girls. Both programs will finish on June 18th. Interested students should see their counselor. www.maboysstate.org www.magirlsstate.org

How can I arrange to talk to my counselor? Drop in to the guidance office and make an appointment by listing your name and homeroom on the appointment signup list. Email your counselor directly. It's a great way to get a fast response.

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What is Holyoke High School's "school code" or "CEEB code"? 221-018

My college application asks for the school's fax number. What is it? 413 534-2144

How do I get a transcript sent? Complete a Transcript Release form and submit it to your counselor or to Mrs. Dunn in the main office.

Financial Aid: Help is available in Guidance. Four financial aid help nights are scheduled for students and parents on March 25, at Holyoke Community College, and April 14 at Holyoke Community College. These evenings events give parents a great way to complete this important process.

May College Planning:

Continue to work on college applications.

Pay close attention to upcoming deadlines.

Register for your FAFSA Pin if you have not done so yet. www.pin.ed.gov

Electronically submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid. <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Submit your Student Aid Report (SAR) to school you have been accepted to.

Make sure you are on track to meet graduation requirements.

The [Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](http://www.mass.gov/education)

New *MassTransfer* website launched: **Community College to State Colleges and UMass**

This website provides information about the transfer process, encourages degree completion, and promotes the new, streamlined transfer policy. <http://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/>

GET INVOLVED - It is never too late to get involved at Holyoke High School. Integrating yourself into the high school community will help you learn more about yourself, and connect you to other students as well as staff members. Join class fundraising efforts, attend school events, become a member of a club, or go out for one of our athletic teams. Holyoke High School provides an opportunity to explore new activities and continue ones you like. In addition, colleges and universities are looking for well-rounded students who have more to offer than a stellar academic record. Admissions officers look beyond GPA and test scores to see what other activities have been part of the student's life.

Holyoke High School has a unique partnership with **Holyoke Community College** that offers Admissions, Financial Aid, and Program information and assistance. Avanza To College is a parent and student informational program offered six nights during the school year at Holyoke High School, William J. Dean Technical, and Holyoke Community College. For further information contact the guidance department.

The United States Military Academy at **West Point** is offering Summer Leaders Seminars May 29 – June 4 and June 5 – June 11 at the Academy in West Point, New York. Juniors interest in attending a military school should look into this unique opportunity. Students can find out more about the program and/or apply at www.admissions.usma.edu

Holyoke Community College: Acceptance to the ADN (**Registered Nursing Program**) program at HCC is selective and space limited. Students who complete the two-year ADN program are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

To learn more about this program and its requirements, we strongly recommend that you attend a Nursing information session. Each session lasts approximately one hour and is conducted by a member of the admissions office and a representative from the Nursing department.

Nursing information sessions are in Frost 309 at 1 - 2p.m.

January 12 (will have 2 sessions - 1pm and 6-7pm)

March 9, April 6, May 11, June 8

To reserve your seat, email admissions@hcc.edu.

Smith College Summer Science and Engineering Program is open to academically talented girls who will enter grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 in fall 2010. Enrollment in the program is limited to ensure the quality of the academic experience. The SSEP has a selective admissions process, based on academic performance in middle and/or high school, a written essay and a teacher recommendation. The program welcomes applications from students with all levels of previous science training. Students need not have taken advanced science courses but must have a strong record of academic achievement, a high level of motivation and a willingness to explore. For more information go to

<http://www.smith.edu/summerprograms/ssep/apply.php>