

September 14, 2009

Dear Senior Parent:

During the next few weeks, Mr. Jim Kneece, Senior Counselor, will begin meeting with seniors and their parents to discuss transcripts, graduation requirements, post-high school options, and any other information pertinent to individual students.

It is important that you call Mr. Kneece to make an appointment. Conferences may be scheduled between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. If you need an evening meeting (4:00 – 7:30 PM) please contact Mrs. Bobbi Hamby, guidance secretary. Please schedule a time when your senior can meet also, if possible. If your appointment is during the school day, your child may be dismissed from class for the conference, which will typically last about thirty minutes. It is important that you be on time for your conference as subsequent conferences will be scheduled with other parents. If you are unable to come for a conference, please notify Mr. Kneece so that he can meet with your child individually.

We would also like to remind you of some events taking place at St. James High School. HSAP testing for students who have not yet taken or passed the HSAP will take place on October 21, 22, & 23. A Scholarship Workshop for senior parents will take place on Tuesday, October 6, at 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM in room E-211. Educational Opportunities Day, the day that representatives from many colleges come to visit, is Wednesday, October 7th from 11:00-11:30 A.M for members of the Senior Class.

Scholarship announcements will be made throughout the school year here at St. James High School. Parents and students may also receive these announcements through e-mail by providing e-mail addresses to Jim Kneece. Send your request to be included on the scholarship announcement list to jkneece001@horrycountyschools.net. You may also check the St. James High School website for scholarship information and other important information and announcements. The SJHS Guidance Department is working to update our web site and make exciting additions. One addition that has already been added is the capability for you to print many of our guidance forms, including the request for transcript form, application for early dismissal, and college visit permission forms!

Seniors are allowed two excused days to visit college campuses during the senior year. A permission form for these visits is available in the guidance office or online and must be completed and returned to Mr. Kneece three school days prior to the visits. Verification of the campus visit is required upon the student's return. Before requesting a college visitation day, students should contact the college and make an appointment for a tour and/or meetings with the admissions department, financial aid, and/or academic departments.

We look forward to meeting with you and your child and planning an exciting, successful senior year!

Sincerely,

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