

WHIPPANY PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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Degrees That Get You Hired

(from the article "Degrees That Get You Hired"
by Chris Kyle for Yahoo! Education)

Corporate consulting firm Challenger, Gray, and Christmas recently polled 100 human resource professionals in an attempt to find out the six degrees that have the best odds of helping students get jobs in 2010. Here are the degrees that they found to be the highest ranked in terms of employment.

1. Health Care Degree (Nursing, Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, and Medical Technician)
2. Business Administration Degree
3. Computer Science Degree (Technical Support, Information Technology and Systems)
4. Accounting/Finance Degree
5. Engineering Degree (Biomedical, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Network Engineering, Program and Software Engineering)
6. Marketing Degree

Rescheduling of Courses

Students who fail required courses and who do not intend to go to summer school must reschedule these courses before they leave school in June. Please see your counselor as soon as possible if you know you will fail for the year.

Final Exams

Final exams will be given in all subject areas with the exception of certain courses, which substitute special projects. The combination of the mid-term and final exams will count 1/5th of the final grade in all courses. Seniors who have obtained a numerical average of 93 for all four marking periods of a course will be exempt. Final exams will be administered June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

Important Forms for College

The college application process has begun for juniors, and there are a few important forms that will need to be filled out before you can apply to colleges. Teacher recommendation forms are available in the Guidance lobby. These will be the way in which you request teachers to write a letter of recommendation for you for college. Colleges request that you not ask more than two teachers of academic subjects.

In the fall, you will need to give your guidance counselor three separate forms. The Student Activities Record and

Senior Profile should be filled out by the student, and parents should complete the Parent Brag Sheet. These forms will be crucial for helping convey important information to your counselor for your letter of recommendation. These forms are currently being revised and will be given to seniors in their Language Arts classes in September. They will be due approximately two weeks later. If you have any questions about any of these forms, please ask your guidance counselor.

Summer School Information

The Hanover Park Regional High School District does **not** offer summer school. Students who wish to obtain credit for courses failed or advanced credit for new courses, may attend any certified summer school. In order to register, students **must** have an approval form from their guidance counselor. Some summer schools offer a limited number of seats so it is advisable to register as soon as possible. Summer school listings are available below:

Bloomfield High School
June 29th - July 30th
973-680-8600 ext. 4383
\$ 250.00 per course
Registration due by June 28th

Dover High School
June 28th to July 30th
973-989-2009
\$300.00 per course
Registration due by June 25th

Essex Regional Educational Services Commission
July 6th to August 13th
Courses held at Essex Campus Academy in Fairfield 973-405-6262
\$300.00 per course
On site registration dates are June 23rd and 25th

Mt. Olive High School
July 5th to August 5th
973-691-4000 ext. 5682
\$325.00 per course
Registration: June 28th - 30th

Pompton Lakes School District
July 1st to July 30th
973-928-1509 before 6/23/10.
973-224-5320 as of 6/24/10.
\$300.00 per course.
In person registration June 22nd, 24th, 28th
Courses to be held at Lakeside Middle School

Wayne Valley Summer School
June 28th to July 30th
Courses held at Wayne Valley High School
\$300.00 per course.
Registration: June 24th, 4PM – 8PM and June 25th, 10AM – 2PM
Late registration: June 28th
After June 27th, call 973-317-2235

New Jersey Virtual School
<http://www.njvs.org>
On-line summer school with flexible summer school schedule.

Summer College Fair at Drew

Drew University in Madison, NJ will be hosting a college fair on Thursday, July 22nd from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Baldwin Gym of the Simon Forum Athletic Center. Colleges from all over the country, including many elite schools, will be in attendance at the fair. Last year, notables such as MIT, Carnegie Mellon, Lehigh, Middlebury, and the University of Michigan had representatives in attendance. If you have questions regarding the event, contact Mary Clare Cullum at mcullum@drew.edu. This is an excellent opportunity both to learn more about the colleges that are out there and to network with college representatives.

SAT TEST DATES

The following dates are for both the SAT Reasoning test and the SAT Subject Tests.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
10/09/10	09/10/10
11/06/10	10/08/10

ACT TEST DATES

The ACT is becoming increasingly popular among students and is accepted equally to the SAT by colleges and universities. All of the following dates are ACT testing dates.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
09/11/10	08/06/10
10/23/10	09/17/10
12/11/10	11/05/10

Hanover Township Substance Awareness Council Program: A Mock Trial: Exploring DWI and Host Liability Issues

On Thursday, June 3rd, the Hanover Township Substance Awareness Council, in collaboration with officers of the court and students and parents from Whippany Park High School, presented a program entitled *A Mock Trial: Exploring DWI and Host Liability Issues* in the Hanover Township Municipal Complex Courtroom. Judge Brian O'Toole presided over the trial with local attorneys Pierce Butler, Louis Chiarolanza, Peter Gilbreth, Gerard Hanlon, and Peter King serving as legal representatives for the parties involved. The Hanover Township Police Department's Patrolman Dominic Kaiser served as the arresting officer. All participants donated their time and expertise in helping raise awareness about alcohol and the consequences that underage persons and their parents may confront.

The program involved a trial of seven teenagers and four parents who were charged in connection with a teen party at a hotel room paid for by the parents. While the scenario and the sentences were made up, the message became very clear as the consequences for parents who allow such behaviors can be quite harsh. This eye opening presentation served as a reminder of the real

consequences that can result in wrong decision making at weekend, after-prom and graduation parties.

Tips from CollegeBoard.com: Choosing a College Essay Topic

(from Collegeboard.com)

Your Preferences: Your essay topic reveals your preferences. Are you an arts person or a hard-facts science type? Certainly, there is a difference between the person who'd like to talk about the Cold War with Machiavelli and someone who'd like to get painting tips from Jackson Pollock.

Your Values: Choice also reflects values. The person who drives a beat-up, rusty, 1971 Volkswagen is making a statement about how she wants to spend her money and what she cares about. We say, "That dress isn't me" or "I'm not a cat person." In choosing, you indicate what matters to you and how you perceive yourself.

Your Thought Process: Choosing shows how you think. Are you whimsical, a person who chooses on impulse? Or are you methodical and careful, a person who gathers background information before choosing? Questions about you and about career and college reflect these choosing patterns. Even a question about a national issue can show your particular thinking style, level of intelligence, and insight.

Think About Topics

The topic you select for your essay can also reveal much about who you are. Yale's application instructs: "In the past, candidates have used this space in great variety of ways.... There is no 'correct' way to respond to this essay request...." No answer is wrong, but sloppy, general, insincere, or tasteless responses can hurt your cause.

Some of the best essays—the memorable and unusual ones—are about very similar, just more focused, topics. Essays about your family, football team, trip to France, parents' divorce, or twin can be effective as long as they're focused and specific.

Summer Opportunities

Students interested in broadening their academic horizons over the summer should stop in guidance and go through a list of programs available. There are many prestigious universities who invite students to live on campus for a number of weeks while gaining college experience. The university or college individually sets the cost of these programs.

The guidance department also has a list of current employment and volunteer opportunities. Be sure to take advantage of your time off to earn a few dollars or volunteer at local establishments. This is a great opportunity to build your resume and also meet new people. Don't let this opportunity pass you by; come to guidance and explore.

Have a great summer!