

High School Counseling Newsletter

Grades 10-12

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Developmental Research School
at the University of Florida



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Featured Topic

Course Registration for 2016-2017 School Year

Please review the Student Handbook & Course Description Guide available on our School Counseling webpage: <http://academicadvisement.pkyonge.ufl.edu/>

Current 9th graders:

Classroom Advisement Presentation: February 22, 2016 in Mr. Miller's English classes

- Students will be advised on available courses, graduation requirements, and recommendations for college planning.
- Students will take home their registration forms to complete with parents and obtain teacher recommendations.

Registration Forms Due in class the week of: March 15 through 18th

- Students will have an opportunity to meet with me to review their requests and turn in their registration forms.

Current 10th graders:

Classroom Advisement Presentation: February 29, 2016 in Mr. Linne's World History classes

- Students will be advised on available courses, graduation requirements, and recommendations for college planning.
- Students will take home their registration forms to complete with parents and obtain teacher recommendations.

Registration Forms Due in class the week of: March 7th through 11th

- Students will have an opportunity to meet with me to review their requests and turn in their registration forms.

Current 11th graders: Juniors and their parents will schedule individual conferences with me. We will discuss graduation requirements, senior courses, and college planning. Please check your email for your invite to schedule your appointment.

Completed Registration Forms must be turned into Mrs. Larimer by Friday, March 18, 2016

Student Opportunities

Just for Juniors Field Trip: Santa Fe College is hosting a college tour for surrounding high schools on February 24, 2016. PK is allowed to bring 30 juniors. Field Trip forms will be available in I-106 (Attendance Office) beginning Monday, February 1st. Completed forms will be accepted through February 12th or until full. Please only submit a form if you are **seriously** considering Santa Fe College as your next stop after graduation.

Noche De Ciencias: The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers at the University of Florida is hosting Noche De Ciencias on **February 17th, 6:30 to 9pm** at PK Yonge's cafeteria. Noche de Ciencias is a night filled with fun and educational information about *college and STEM fields for both parents and students. Information such as college application deadlines, SAT/ACT, FAFSA, AP classes, and Dual Enrollment* will be discussed throughout the night. This event is open to **anyone** but it specifically **targeted towards Hispanic** minorities. Our goal is to empower the Hispanic Community by educating students and parents on the process of applying to college and the resources available to them to attend college. We believe that college is and imperative tool for the future of our community. **No registration required.** For more information, contact Alejandra Garcia at ale.i.garcia95@gmail.com

UF Health Career Convention: The University of Florida will be hosting the 22nd Annual Health Career Convention on Saturday, February 20, 2016. Learn about different health careers and the pre-med path in college. The cost is \$40 per student. For every 10 students, there must be 1 chaperone. Chaperone cost is \$15. For more details and to register, visit www.ufpremed.org/hcc. Deadline to register is February 14th.

ASVAB Interest: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery measures your knowledge and ability in ten different areas. This test can be taken by any student in grades 10-12, whether you are interested in the armed forces or not. If you are interested in taking the ASVAB this year, please register on the PK website or in the School Counseling Office. The test date is tentatively scheduled for **March 30th at 9am** on PK campus.

College Achievement Program: This program is for current seniors who are interested in attending Santa Fe College. The 6 week program offers coursework and advisement geared towards first generation and underrepresented students to help students transition into the college system. Completion of this summer program can lead to a full tuition scholarship. Applications are available online or in I-106 (Attendance office). Interviews will be scheduled on campus on March 29th. Please see Mrs. Larimer to schedule your interview prior to spring break (March 22nd).

Santa Fe College Scholarship Foundation: Students who apply to Santa Fe College should also apply for their scholarship foundation. Deadline to apply is February 22, 2016. Apply online at <https://sfcollege.starsscholarshipsonline.com/STARS>

Academic Resources

New Semester, Fresh Start

Tips to Help YOU Succeed- The following are foundational skills you need to be successful in all your courses. Practice in high school to prepare you for the rigor of college coursework. (Also available on the School Counseling Website under Academic Advisement)

- [Developing Study Skills](#)
- [Managing Your Time](#)
- [Note Taking Skills](#)
- [Test Taking Strategies](#)

College Planning

College Application Timelines! Get out your calendars and starting planning!

- <http://www.actstudent.org/college/checklist/>
- <https://www.petersons.com/college-search/planning-list-students-parents.aspx>

PSAT Scores are available online now!

What's next? [CLICK HERE](#) to see your scores!

1. Create/Login to CollegeBoard account to view scores
2. Create/Login to Khan Academy
3. Link your CollegeBoard and Khan Academy accounts for personalized SAT prep!

*All 10th grade students created accounts and viewed scores during English class January 14th and 15th.

SAT & ACT dates are available in the school planners, online, and in I-106.

TIP! Register early so you don't forget. If you have free/reduced lunch, you are eligible for a fee waiver.

- **Upcoming SAT Dates & Deadlines**
 - March 5th (new SAT) Deadline February 5
 - May 7th (new SAT) Deadline April 8
 - June 4th (new SAT) Deadline May 5
- **Upcoming ACT Dates & Deadlines**
 - April 9th Deadline March 4
 - June 11th Deadline May 6

MyCareerShines is Florida's NEW free college exploration website for all students. Create your account to access assessments to learn more about your interest and skills and how they relate to career options. Then compare career possibilities and plan next steps to reaching your career goals! Go to MyCareerShines at www.mycareershines.org to create an account and get started!

Where in the world is Mrs. Larimer?

Here are some highlights from the past month:

- **College Goal Sunday**- Seniors and their families came to school on January 10th to complete the FAFSA with the assistance of Financial Aid Counselors from the University of Florida.
- **Harvard College Visit**- 9th through 11th graders had the opportunity to visit with a Harvard alumni and learn about the admissions process.
- **MyCareerShines Training**- I attended a training to learn how to implement Florida's new career exploration website to our students. See link in College Planning and on our website.
- **Bright Futures Application for Seniors**- Seniors had the opportunity in English class to apply for the Florida Financial Aid Application (which includes Bright Futures)
- **PSAT Score Presentation** to 10th grade- 10th graders learned how to access their PSAT scores and linked them to Khan Academy to begin practicing for the SAT.
- **Dual Enrollment Information Night**- Over 75 families attended and learned about the dual enrollment programs at Santa Fe and UF.
- Preparing for **Course Registration** for the 2016-2017 school year and updating the Student Handbook (in progress).
- Organizing individual parent-student **Junior Conferences** to discuss next steps in the college application process!

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's life. I appreciate my job every day. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding your child's educational or personal well-being at school.

Don't forget to stay informed by using the resources available at the P.K. Yonge website: www.pkyonge.ufl.edu

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Staying Informed

When you know more, you do more! Here are some ways to stay informed about school related information and opportunities:

- Make sure your email address is up to date in Skyward so you receive updates via Skyward Message Center.

- Visit the **P.K. website** regularly for school-wide announcements and daily announcements (on the left column you'll see Daily Announcements)
www.pkyonge.ufl.edu
- Add the **School Counseling Events Calendar** to your Google Calendar so you'll never miss an event!
 - www.counselingevents.pkyonge.ufl.edu → Click the bottom right link that says  It will link you to your Google calendar and will ask if you want to add the Counseling Events calendar. Select "add".
- Check the **High School Counseling homepage** regularly for announcements and scholarship opportunities.
- Follow our Twitter account **@KeepCalmPKY**