Greetings!

We sincerely hope these first couple of days have gone well for you as a student / family. These first days (or weeks!) can be a bit chaotic – there’s no doubt about it. Please remember there are many different adults at Davies ready to lend a helping hand.

You’ll see quarterly newsletters from us to share important dates, reminders, and events throughout the year as it relates to the Counseling Center. In this Back to School newsletter, we are highlighting just a few critical points to start the year. Stay tuned for our Quarter 1 Newsletter!

Below is the contact information for individuals in our department. Contact us with any questions and have a great weekend!

Thank you,
Davies Counseling Center
SENIOR CONFERENCES

Seniors and their parent(s) have appointments scheduled to meet with their counselor to prepare for graduation. Letters will be sent out to all seniors over the next few weeks for the date and time of their Senior Conference. **Should the date of this conference not work for you, please 446-5617. If no one answers, please leave a message and we will return your message as soon as possible.**

Part of this conference will include completing a graduation application. This process is a formal method by which the student and the counselor will do the following:

- Verify legal name on the diploma and check for correct spelling.
- Count credits (required and elective) to make sure all credits are in place for graduation.
- Discuss post high school plans (school, work, and military).
- Determine needs (what hasn’t the student done yet that he/she needs to do in order to realize the post-high school plan).

Students will receive a personal copy of their transcript at this meeting. They should keep this copy as a reference when completing college applications and scholarship forms.

Seniors must complete all graduation requirements in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Graduation requirements are listed in the Program of Studies and can be found on the Counseling Services webpage.

SCHOLARSHIPS

It’s never too early to begin your scholarship search! Davies students and parents should be aware of the multitude of scholarship opportunities that exist and the variety of criteria used to award scholarships. The Counseling Center at Davies does its best to publicize those scholarships available to our students on our school web page. Students and parents are encouraged to either sign up for an account for the Fargo Public Schools website, or just make sure you sign in when you visit. Then, you can subscribe to receive updates to the scholarship page! To subscribe, visit our website at [www.fargo.k12.nd.us/daviescounseling](http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/daviescounseling) and click on the “Financial Aid and Scholarships” link on the left side of the page. If you are signed in, the “Subscribe” button will appear directly below the scholarship list.

Once you have subscribed, you will receive an e-mail notification every time a new scholarship is added. Most applications can be found online, but there are some available in the Counseling Center.

There are also other search engines specific to scholarship searches. Some other sites to check out include:

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.anycollege.com](http://www.anycollege.com)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/](http://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/)
PSAT REGISTRATION

The PSAT will be administered at Davies High School on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The fee for testing will be $18.00.

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a great tool for students considering college. The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills and writing skills. Ronald N Davies High School recommends that students take the PSAT/NMSQT in order to receive feedback about strengths and weaknesses, enter the competition for National Merit Scholar scholarships (11th graders) and to help prepare for the SAT.

For the 2019 PSAT/NMSQT, students at Ronald N Davies High School will be registering online. This registration will take a few minutes and can be completed from any computer with internet access.

Online Exam registration will begin on Thu, Aug 22, 2019 at 8:00 AM and end on Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 11:00 PM. In order to register, students should click on the link provided on the school website or visit www.TotalRegistration.net/PSAT/350569 to register. To complete registration, students must answer all of the required questions. Registration is not complete until students have printed the pdf of the confirmation page that is provided at the end.

Ronald N Davies High School is excited to offer families the convenience of paying exam fees online at the time of registration. Please be sure to have a debit or credit card available before beginning registration. Paying online is a great way to make sure that payment has been made while avoiding mailing payment.

Here are the important dates for the registration process:

- Thu, Aug 22, 2019 at 8:00 AM - Registration Begins
- Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 11:00 PM - Registration Ends
- Sat, Sep 21, 2019 at 11:00 AM - Registrations that have not been paid for will be canceled and exams will not be ordered.

Please contact Mrs Debbi Osowski, osowskd@fargo.k12.nd.us, if you have questions or require financial assistance.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM REGISTRATION

CHANGES ARE COMING!!!!!!!

Attention all AP Students and Parents!!!! PLEASE NOTE that Advanced Placement (AP) exam registration will be changing this year. Due to CollegeBoard’s new ordering deadlines, our AP Exam Registration will now take place in October. The process will still begin through Total Registration but will ultimately link you to CollegeBoard as well. This information is new to schools so we are working through the details. This is just a “heads up” to be looking for additional information. This information will be shared through emails, letters, newsletters and teachers.
POWERSCHOOL APP

Download the PowerSchool App for your iPhone or Android device!

This app will give you real-time access to your student’s attendance, assignments, scores, and grades!

- Search “PowerSchool” in your App Store or on Google Play
- Download then open the app
- “Allow” push notifications so you can receive attendance and grade updates:
  - Notifications if your student is marked Unverified
  - Notifications if a letter grade changes—ex: drops from an A to a B
- Input your PowerSchool district code—XSBF*
  *If the code does not work, you can search the dropdown menu for Fargo Public Schools
- Sign in with your PowerSchool username and password
- You’re all set!

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