

**Welcome to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Parent and Student  
Night**  
 Presented by the Cold Spring Harbor High School  
 Counseling Center  
 October 6, 2020  
 Zoom ID: 951 2005 7298  
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**Agenda**

- ▶ Overview & Introductions
- ▶ Information Packet Handed Out
- ▶ Review of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Information
- ▶ Q & A

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**Counseling Center Staff**

- ▶ Mr. Arini, Director of Guidance
- ▶ Ms. Pickering, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade counselor
- ▶ Ms. Conlon, 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade counselor
- ▶ Ms. Friedland, 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade counselor
- ▶ Ms. Hannity, 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade counselor
- ▶ Mr. Woods, 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade counselor
- ▶ Ms. Groeninger, Office Assistant
- ▶ Ms. Mezzapesa, Office Assistant

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### Your School Counselors...

- ▶ Our mission
  - ▶ To facilitate each student's personal, social, academic and career development
- ▶ Our objectives
  - ▶ To help students identify their interests and abilities
  - ▶ To offer assistance to enhance productivity, dependability, self-expression and control
  - ▶ To foster decision-making and conflict resolution skills to be able to participate in a global society as responsible citizens

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### Cold Spring Harbor Jr. Sr. High School Counseling Center Website

- ▶ Can be found on the district website
  - ▶ go to Schools, select CSH Jr Sr HS
  - ▶ on the left side, select "Counseling Center" tab
  - ▶ <https://www.csh.k12.ny.us/Page/555>
- ▶ Parent Night Presentations & Materials
- ▶ Counseling Curriculum
  - ▶ Student presentations & materials

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### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Calendar 2020-2021

- ▶ Highlights:
  - ▶ Continuous: Progress Reports and Report Cards review
  - ▶ October: Counselors meet their 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, small groups during PE on virtual days
  - ▶ December: Program of Study Guide posted and delivered; academic programming begins
  - ▶ June: SAT Subject Tests Available
    - ▶ Regents and Final exams
    - ▶ Summer School registration

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### Diploma Types & Requirements

- ▶ Diploma Types:
  - ▶ Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
  - ▶ Regents Diploma
  - ▶ Local Diploma (still available in special situations)
- ▶ Requirements - Credits & Examinations
  - ▶ 22 credits (minimum) - specific subject areas
  - ▶ Exams - ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies (1) plus one
  - ▶ Exams - Advanced Designation, variety of options

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### Regents Exams

- ▶ NYS Required Exams
- ▶ Annual, based on individual student schedules
- ▶ June 2020 - exemptions in Algebra & L.E.
- ▶ June 2021- courses ending in an exam
- ▶ August 2021- for students who fail or wish to receive a higher grade

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### GPA Calculation

- ▶ Calculation is based on all grades with the exception of physical education
- ▶ All Honors and Advanced Placement courses are weighted by a factor of 1.1
- ▶ GPAs are rounded to the hundredth (ex: 3.68)
- ▶ Accelerated courses are NOT weighted.
- ▶ GPA vs. weighted GPA

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### Tips to promote success in the early years of high school...

- ▶ ENCOURAGE
- ▶ PROVIDE STRUCTURE AND LIMITS
- ▶ PROMOTE SELF-ADVOCACY
- ▶ ASK FOR ADVICE

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### Character Building Experiences

*"We are interested in the talents and interests you would bring to Princeton outside the classroom. We don't value one type of activity over another. Rather, we appreciate sustained commitment to the interests you have chosen to pursue."*  
- Princeton University Admissions

 Study Abroad	 Research Opportunities
 Summer College Experiences	 CSH Clubs & Activities
 Dedicated Athletics	 Part-Time Employment

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### Extracurricular Activities

- ▶ What does this term include?
  - ▶ Clubs -Visit our Canvas page!
  - ▶ Athletics
  - ▶ After school activities in the community
  - ▶ Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts
  - ▶ Choir
  - ▶ Dance class
  - ▶ Community service - *commit to a cause!*
  - ▶ Part time employment
  - ▶ Keep records!

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### Honor Rolls & Societies

- ▶ Honor Roll (3.00 GPA) /High Honor Roll (3.66 GPA)
- ▶ National Honor Society - Ms. Segura / Ms. Georgiou
- ▶ Tri-M Music Honor Society - Mr. Chiarello
- ▶ National French and Spanish Honor Society - Ms. Tassani
- ▶ Speech & Debate Honor Society - Ms. Glynn / Dr. Andrews
- ▶ International Thespian Honor Society - Mr. Beja
- ▶ Art Honor Society - Ms. Oswald

SEE YOUR TEACHER FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS OR DETAILS!!!

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### SAT and ACT Exams

- ▶ Standardized entrance exams used by colleges for admission purposes
- ▶ All colleges accept either SAT or ACT exam
- ▶ Some colleges are test optional - [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)
- ▶ SAT/ACT results are only part of the application package and often not the most important
- ▶ SAT - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - ▶ SAT special testing accommodations (844) 255-7728
- ▶ ACT - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - ▶ ACT special testing accommodations (319) 337-1332

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### SAT Subject Tests

- ▶ Required by only some colleges and often depends on major
  - ▶ Those that require, usually ask for 2-3
- ▶ Best taken in May or June of the year you take the subject
  - ▶ Always consult with your teacher to ensure proper preparation
- ▶ Ideal score: 700 is the general benchmark, but may vary depending on exam taken and/or college applied

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### Developing a Testing Schedule

Most Students

- ▶ May or June 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: SAT Subject Test (optional, uncommon for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade student - speak to counselor before registering)
- ▶ Fall 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: PSAT (optional)
- ▶ May or June 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Grade: SAT Subject Test (optional, also available on other dates)
- ▶ Fall 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: PSAT (required for National Merit consideration)
- ▶ Winter - Summer 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Take 1 SAT, 1 ACT, and either SAT/ACT a second time (3 total)
- ▶ Sept. and/or Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Retake SAT or ACT (which ever exam is best for you)
- ▶ Oct. and/or Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Last chance for SAT Subject Tests (may not get results for EA, ED, ED II Deadlines - check with colleges)

NCAA Recruited Athletes

- ▶ Recruited athletes may want to begin this process a full year early (speak to the college coach to understand their expectations)

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### NCAA Information

- ▶ Core Course GPA - helps you track your NCAA GPA
- ▶ Grades and SAT/ACT scores matter!
- ▶ Understand the recruiting process for your sport
- ▶ Talk to your coaches and counselor!
- ▶ Register with the NCAA at the conclusion of 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

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- ▶ Provides college and career information
  - ▶ Learn about careers
  - ▶ Explore Interests
  - ▶ Manage college application material
- ▶ Allows for CSH Counseling Center to communicate easily.
- ▶ Parents can be part of it too!

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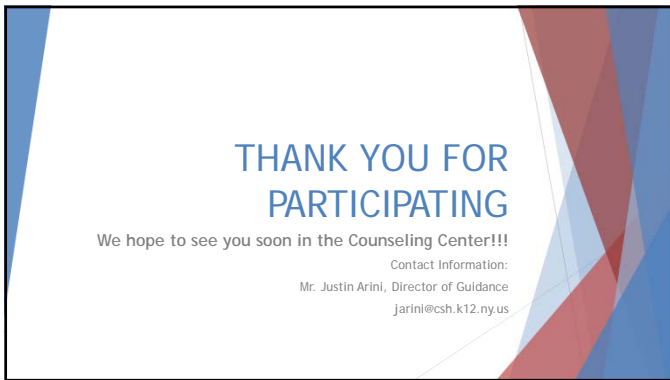
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