



From the Counseling Office

NOTES FROM MRS. McRAE:

August 2025

WELCOME STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

The Counseling Department welcomes all new and returning students and families to Providence High School for the 2025-26 school year! We look forward to a positive and productive year! For all new students and incoming freshmen, we look forward to getting to know you and helping you make a smooth transition to Providence. This newsletter is intended to give students and parents a summary of important grade level counseling information which should be useful in making plans and navigating high school as well as life after graduation. The counseling newsletter will be distributed by email monthly and also available on the counseling website.

The counseling office will support students in many areas of their life at Providence. Here are a few ways the counseling staff will work with students and families:

- 1. Academic/career planning**
- 2. Social/emotional counseling**
- 3. Personal counseling**
- 4. Wellness programming**
- 5. Class schedules and planning!**

NOTE: Students and parents are welcome to set up an appointment with either Mrs. McRae, grades 9-10 (jmcrae@providencehigh.net) or Mr. Gabehart, grades 11-12 (tgabehart@providencehigh.net). We can also be reached by phone at 812-945-2538.

HAPPENING IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST/SEPTEMBER FROM MRS. McRAE

Ninth Grade

All 9th graders in English class will complete their four-year plan. Students will look at diploma requirements, pathways to graduation and discuss and set goals for their GPA/grades, for their semester and time at Providence. All 9th graders will meet individually with Mrs. McRae this semester to discuss their 4-year plan and individual goals...

Tenth Grade

10th graders will update their 4-year plan in Theology and review their transcripts. Students will also discuss ways they can prepare for the PSAT test on October 15.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABOUT BLUE DAY MANDATES:

If your child is mandated for a blue day, the parental notification comes from me, Mrs. McRae. I receive a list from teachers and will send an email indicating the date/session of the mandate. Please encourage your child to check their email each day as I will send the email to them as well. **The first Blue Day session begins at 7:30 and Blue Day session II begins at 7:57. Session 3 of Blue Day is after school from 3-3:30.**

Here is a list of reasons why your child might be mandated:

- 1. Missing assignment**
- 2. Absences: test/quiz missing**
- 3. Trouble mastering the material**
- 4. Test corrections**
- 5. In AP/Honors class that requires meeting**

PARENTS, please contact the teacher that mandated your child, if you have questions about the mandate or the progress of your child. Parents should also use a blue day mandate as a reminder to **check grades** on POWERSCHOOL!

NOTES FROM MR. GABEHART:

It's the busiest time of the year to be a counselor! In addition to visiting classrooms for dual credit registrations, I met with all senior theology classes to discuss the college application process. Students were able to create their Common App accounts and get started on college applications. We also took a look at various scholarships that are currently available. PHS has a dedicated google doc for community and outside scholarships. It is a fluid document and will be updated regularly. Please check it often!! The link is below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ak3nNOufKvh7hYyBUro3-QHHJXwo6vgN1MKldGzYYgo/edit?usp=sharing>

One of the most important scholarship applications for Clark/Floyd Co residents is through the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana (CFSI). This foundation partners with local individuals and organizations in offering various scholarships, including the Lilly Scholarship, to students. The scholarship program consists of dozens of funds established by donors desiring to assist students in Southern Indiana, most of them intended to provide assistance in obtaining a college education. The scholarship portal for students opened on Monday, August 11 and will close on September 15. <https://www.cfsouthernindiana.com/scholarships/>

Students in Harrison County can apply for the Lilly Scholarship through the Harrison County Community Foundation (HCCF). Their application opened August 5 and closes September 30th.

Save the Date: Senior Parent College Admissions Night August 27 @ 5:30 PM

I will be offering an info session on Wednesday, August 27 in the PHS student commons. This program will start at 5:30 PM and should last around an hour. If you are interested in learning more about the admissions timeline and ways to support your senior, I highly encourage you to attend. To RSVP, please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/ZMYwCWBcT3tpBV1V8>

Save the date:

Saturday, September 13; 10am-2pm—**SUPER SATURDAY** (Sponsored by Clark Co Health Dept)
Juniors and Seniors are invited to this event that will host college reps, vocational/technical schools, labor unions with apprenticeships, door prizes and more! See attached flyer...

Sept 23-25—**2025 Manufacturing Week**—See your counselor for details!
Tuesday, September 23, 2025 – Kick-Off Rally
September 24-25, 2025 – Booth Days

Sept 27—Senior Parent College Admissions Night (see above for info)

Looking Ahead....PSAT for Sophomores and Juniors is October 15! *Please do not plan any doctor appointments etc. for that day.*

Seniors! If / When you get accepted to a college/university/trade school please send that acceptance into our office (Mr. Gabehart or Mrs. Delaney). Please also share any/all scholarships you may receive. We would like to hear about all your acceptances, even if you do not plan on attending there!

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