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# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

*Smith Vocational & Agricultural School Guidance Department*

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## IMPORTANT EVENTS

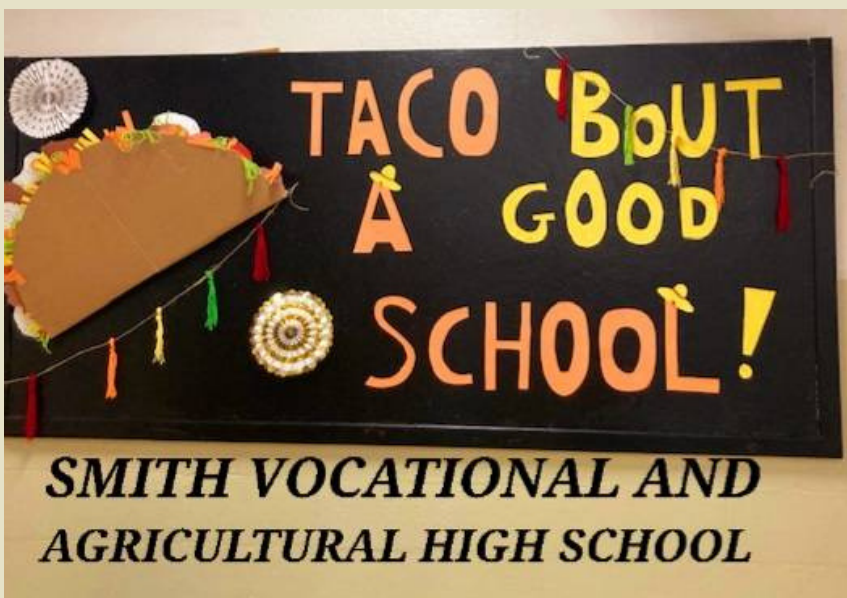
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March 24th- Career  
Fair

April 7th- ASVAB

May 1st- National  
College  
Decision Day

June 1st- Deadline to  
Register for Fall Dual  
Enrollment Courses



## THIRD TRIMESTER NEWSLETTER

*Contact Information*

**9th Graders, last names A-L-** Ms. Alberti

**9th Graders, last names M-Z-** Mr. Weider

**10th Graders-** Mrs. Devine

**11th Graders-** Ms. Alberti

**12th Graders-** Mr. Weider

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# TRIMESTER TWO RE-CAP

## UMass Amherst Tour

In January, our School Counselor Mr. Weider took 10th and 11th graders on a tour of UMass Amherst. They were able to see what the dorms look like, see the Campus Center, and get an overall feel for the campus. Touring college campuses are a great way for students to learn what they want/don't want in a college. If you are thinking of going to college, we recommend going on some college tours this Spring and Summer! You can sign up for college tours directly on the college's website.



## Mock Interview Day

In December, we put on a Mock Interview Day where professionals from the 15 shop fields came in and interviewed our 11th and 12th graders. Our students came prepared with their resumes and were dressed for the occasion. This was a great opportunity for our students to make connections in their fields as well as gain valuable interview experience related to their shop field. Students ended their mock interview experience writing a "thank you" letter to their interviewers.



## PARENT PORTAL

As a parent/guardian, you can access your student's grades through the [Parent Portal](#). If you have questions or concerns about your student's grade, please contact their teacher directly at their school email address.

# TRIMESTER 3

Our second trimester ended on March 9th which means the final trimester of the 21-22 school year is here!

The School Counselors meet individually with all of their students during the Spring. These meetings are for picking classes for next school year as well as talking about the students' future goals and how we can best utilize their remaining time in high school to support them in reaching those goals.

Next year, all current 9th graders will have Mr. Weider as their school counselor. He will be meeting with them all this Spring to introduce himself.



## CAREER FAIR

This event is for our graduating seniors and co-op eligible juniors. On Thursday, March 24, 2022, we are connecting students with local employers. Employers will likely have application materials with them and some may even conduct on-the-spot interviews with our students. Students should come prepared with their resume and be dressed to impress.

## SMITH CHARITIES

If you reside in one of the following towns, you may qualify for money from the Smith Charities:

- Amherst
- Deerfield
- Easthampton
- Greenfield
- Hadley
- Hatfield
- Northampton
- Whately
- Williamsburg

Please check out their [website](#) for more information & how to apply. Students may also stop by Guidance for more information.



## UPCOMING MEFA WEBINARS

- **March 11th** 12-1pm: [How To Pay For College](#)
- **March 24th** 12-1pm: [College Admissions](#)
- **March 30th** 6:30-7:30pm: [How To Pay For College](#)
- **April 5th** 12-1pm: [How To Pay For College](#)
- **April 13th** 6:30-7:30pm: [How To Pay For College](#)
- **May 9th** 6:30-7:30pm: [College Financing](#)
- **June 1st** 12-1pm: [Comparing College Loan Options](#)

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Dual Enrollment:

- In collaboration with Holyoke Community College & Greenfield Community College, Smith Vocational High School students may **dual enroll** in a college-level course while still in high school!
  - HCC & GCC both have some funding available for high school students. **This is on a first-come-first-serve basis, so applying early gives you a better chance!**
- If you are interested in attending college after high school, this is a great opportunity to learn the structure of a college-level course while earning **both** high school and college credit
- Classes taken at HCC or GCC cannot interfere with the school day. This means a class in the afternoons/evenings or online would be the best option.
- If your student is interested in taking a Dual Enrollment course next year, please have them come to Guidance. The applications are due **June 1st**.



## Homework Help

Homework help is available to all students from 2:15-3:15 pm Monday-Thursday, with the exception of early release days and school vacations. The program will be held in the library. Transportation is not available, however we can provide day-passes for students to use the PVTA.

## Co-Op:

Co-Op is the opportunity that is offered to qualifying 11th and 12th graders. This is when students will be out working at a placement instead of coming to school on shop days. Students must meet the following requirements:

- Grade of 80 or above in Shop & Related
- Grade of 75 and above in all academic classes
- No more than 5 absences per trimester
- No more than 10 absences from shop or classes

Please contact our Co-Op Coordinator Jeff Lareau with any questions - [jlareau@smithtec.org](mailto:jlareau@smithtec.org)

## SAT:

It is recommended that you take the SAT (for four-year college-bound students) the Spring of your 11th grade year and/or the Fall of your 12th grade year.

There are a few dates next Spring/Summer in case you are interested in registering. The SAT is not offered here at SVAHS so you will have to go to another location. Please see below:

**May 7th** --> you will need to register by April 26th

**June 4th** --> you will need to register by May 25th

You can register for the SAT online, here: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>