Director’s Welcome
Mr. Gary Arthur
School Counseling Director
James Wood High School
We need parents to help plan!
Senior Parents of the Class of 2020

- The senior party on MAY 28th is one of the last times the class will be together other than graduation.
- It is put on by the parents of the senior class. The parents work all year to canvas for donations for the raffle and raise money through fundraisers.
- It is: food, fun, music, yearbook signing, prize raffles
- There are sign up sheets going around. We need a great group of parents to help plan and put on a great event that has been a tradition at James Wood. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm

Please consider donating time, money, prizes for the party. A donation of $20.20 will get you in the raffle for VIP seating and parking at graduation.
Mr. Gary Arthur
School Counseling Director
Graduation Supplies
Caps, Gowns,& Announcements

- November 7th – Senior Meeting during 1st block (8:15) regarding ordering graduation items.
- November 12 and Nov 13 – Orders will be taken in the cafeteria during lunch periods.
- November 12 – Orders will be taken in the cafeteria 3pm – 7pm (for parents).
Senior Routine
## Credits and Graduation Requirements

**SENIOR CREDIT SLIP**

FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**NAME:** ____________________________

You have completed _____ credits. In order to graduate in 20___ you must complete the following:

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Student Signature

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School Counselor

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Applied _________
Ms Kama Dawson
School Counselor
College Reminders & Announcements

SAT AND ACT REGISTRATION ONLINE

- Students should choose to send the free score reports when registering for the test.

Prospective college athletes should go to www.eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA eligibility and to register. There is a registration fee.

College Night is September 25th 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Apple Blossom Mall.
College Selection

- Location
- Size
- Major
- Job placement success
- Teacher to student ratio
- Non academic & social life
- Cost
Narrow down your choices

- Use college search websites to do college searches. Big Future through College Board is a great resource.

- Pick 3–5 schools that meet all of your student’s criteria. Take a road trip.
Apply

● Help students organize and meet deadlines. Work backwards from deadlines to make sure everything is in on time.

● Apply online.

● Early Decision=Binding vs. Early Action and Regular=non-binding
College Application Process
Ms. Heather Hahn
Registrar
Preparing for College Applications

- All college applications need transcripts.
- Look through the application with your child. There are deadlines and requests for information that can be missed, if only students are looking at the applications.
- Remember to give counselors and teachers at least two weeks to complete your child’s recommendations.
Reminders

- Each student must have a pink transcript release form on file. Form is available in School Counseling Office.
- All Transcripts are sent electronically through Parchment.com
- To register for Parchment see Mrs. Hahn in the School Counseling Office.
THREE STEPS TO REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS
1. Complete online College Application and submit.

2. See Mrs. Hahn to do a Purple Interview Slip for each college you apply to.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

- Scholarships are posted in the School Counseling office, school website, and a weekly email is sent out with updated scholarship information. See Mrs. Williams (School Counseling Secretary) to be added to the email list.

- Please pay close attention to scholarship requirements and deadline dates. Many scholarships require an Unofficial Transcript. An Unofficial Transcript is available on your student’s Parchment Account. If an Official Transcript is needed, please request it from Mrs. Williams 2 weeks prior to the scholarship deadline date.
SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

- FAFSA.ED.GOV – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- StudentAid.gov – information website
- Shenandoah University will host a Regional Financial Aid Night – watch website and email for date and time
SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

- The Local Scholarship Form will be available in January. This form covers approximately 50% of the awards presented to JWHS seniors each spring. These scholarships are given to our seniors by area businesses and organizations in support of student endeavors and accomplishments.

Every senior should take the time to fill out this form.
Thank you for attending Senior Parent Night!