

JHS counselors started HS&B at the turn of the century. As the program grew, so did the interest of the district! HS&B is now hosted at each of the district high schools (on different nights). This year, the JHS HS&B is being held on **Wednesday**, **October 9**.

HS&B is an information packed night and draws a large number of students/parents/guardians for a college/career fair and breakout information sessions. Each year we look to provide similar sessions, enabling our families an opportunity to support their students' current high school and post-high school aspirations. Though HS&B isn't something our staff need to attend, you are welcome to drop by—especially if you have kids and would like to make use of the amazing information!

## To make the event even better, our incredible students volunteer to provide:

- > interpretation services (JHS Multilingual Student Ambassador Service)
- > childcare (JHS Key Club)
- hospitality and welcoming guests (JHS Cheerleaders & Dance Team)

## College & Career Fair (5:30-7 p.m. in the gym):

There will be over 70 college/career reps connecting with families about a large variety of programs and options.

## Breakout information sessions include (6:30–7:55 p.m. in the Commons, Annex, Library, and classrooms):

- 12th Grade Family Session: Navigating the Transition to Post-High School
- 9th & 10th Grade Family Session: High School 101
- 4-Year Colleges: Finding the Best College for You
- Earn College Credits in High School! AP, College in the HS, Dual Credit
- FAFSA/WASFA Q & A (senior families)
- Financial Aid: Financing Your Post-High School Education
- Navigating the College Application Process
- Navigating Next Steps for Students with Disabilities
- Sesiones para Familias: Navegando el Sistema Educativo

## Working up to the event, we have a lot of promotion going on...

- At the door to your main classroom/office, we'll post a sign that has your name and where you graduated from and/or received any post-HS training (e.g., college, military, apprenticeship, etc.). The hope is that students will talk with staff about their experiences.
- We encourage everyone (staff/students) to wear college/career gear on the days leading up to the event (Oct. 7, 8 & 9). An easy wardrobe!
- The October 4 PACK Time will be used to connect with students about HS&B Family Night.
- Many teachers talk about their post-HS experiences with their classes (e.g., sharing college facts during entry tasks, etc.), and many encourage students to attend the big Wednesday night event. Our students learn so much from our staff when they hear about their experiences and about the multitude of options available to them!

Want more info? Visit the <u>HS&B webpage</u>.

Questions? Reach out to <u>Sarah Williams</u>, JHS Counselor

HS & Beyond Family Night is an exciting event to help our students learn about the options available to support their personal goals. It's made even better through our staff's involvement!