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availability of space with our Gresham College Possible Cohort, so make sure to pick an application soon!

For more information, please do not hesitate to call our office at 503-907-0248 or email David Corby, the Program VISTA, at DCorby@CollegePossible.org. We look forward to working students at Gresham High School!

Drivers Education

Gresham Barlow School District no longer provides Driver's Education services; however, as an option for our students to access this much needed program, a partnership has been established with Oregon Driver Training Institute (ODTI). ODTI will attempt to offer services at both Gresham and Barlow High School depending on the number of students who sign up for the program. They are also offering services in other locations around the county so that our students may have more options to access dates that meet their needs. Contact ODTI directly to register for classes as well as access the calendar of potential dates.

Oregon Driver Training Institute : 503-225-0770

To register on line: www.oregondrivertraining.com

Gresham High School Club Opportunities

It is a well-known fact that the more students are involved at school the better they perform in class. Also, school involvement is a great resume builder for employment and college applications. If you would like to be more involved, potentially increase your academic status, and build your resume with a strong list of experiences join one of the GHS clubs listed below:

International

Racquetball

Key

NHS

Freestyle and Greco Wrestling Club

DECA

Mecha

International Club

Thespians

Band

Speech and Debate

Date to Remember:

October 10: Standards and Assessment Day for Teachers—no school for students

October 11: State Inservice Day—no school for students

OCTOBER 16 IS NOT A LATE ARRIVAL DAY: THE SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT THE REGULAR TIME OF 7:35 AM.

Must Read for Juniors Aiming for College!

He or she might be eligible for College Possible, a free college access and success program!

College Possible is a non-profit partner with GHS. It is an after school college prep program that helps promising, low-income high school students gain admission to college. Throughout their junior and senior year, students work with College Possible coaches for guidance through the college process, ACT preparation, opportunities to visit campuses, and one-on-one support with college, scholarship and financial applications. We still have spots available in our junior cohort that will begin meeting after school on September 16.

Students in our program have shown an average ACT score improvement of 22%. Overall, 98% of College Possible students earn admission into college. This award-winning program is completely free for all our student participants.

We are looking for students who: are interested in going to college, can meet for two hours twice a week after school (multiple session times offered), have a GPA of 2.0 or higher, qualify for free or reduced-price lunch at school or meet other income eligibility guidelines.

Interested students can pick up an application in Room 224 or at the College & Career Center. There's a limited

PSAT Day is October 16! What is the PSAT?

The statewide administration of the PSAT is October 16. Although the test is given to sophomores as a whole and juniors that pay (\$14) for the test themselves, school is still in session for the other students. While the PSAT is being administered the other students will rotate between three morning seminars on topics that include the GHS Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Program, school polices, a college and career fair, and promoting your name in a positive way in the community and on social media. Seniors will also be given information from Jostens and the school related to senior expectations and graduation.

On a side note, the deadline for junior registration is Oct. 9.

What is the PSAT? (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test)

- A comprehensive assessment program that measures college readiness and provides students with the tools they need to start planning for the future.
- Measures skills in three academic areas: critical reading, mathematics and writing skills.
- Prepares students for the SAT: On average, students who take the PSAT score 136 points higher on the SAT than those who do not take the test.
- Provides entry into scholarship programs: The PSAT provides entry into National Merit Scholarships for students in their third year of high school.
- Supports college and career planning: My College QuickStart™, an online, personalized college and career planning kit, helps students search for colleges, explore majors and careers, and get a personalized SAT study plan.

Using Personal Email on School Equipment

Many times students will use school equipment to check personal email. Given that each computer in our building has multiple users each day checking personal email causes security concerns for students. Most directly, our concern stems from the fact that students frequently do not remember to log out of their personal email accounts which unintentionally gives the next user access to their account. Although the school is not liable for security breaches of this nature, our goal is for all student personal information to remain as secure as possible. To prevent this potential breach, students should not use any school-owned electronic devices to check personal email or other Internet based personal accounts such as Facebook, Twitter, or other types of social media.

Credit Recovery Opportunities

One of the many ways students are considered on track to graduate is by number of credits the student has earned or accumulated at the end of a given year in school. Below is a table that illustrates this information.

| CREDITS EARNED/ON TRACK | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Year in School | Credits Earned |
| Freshman | 6 |
| Sophomore | 12 |
| Juniors | 19.5 |
| Seniors | 25 |

By senior year students must earn 25 credits in the following areas to graduate.

| Graduation Requirements | |
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| Credit Breakdown | Other Requirements |
| 4 English | Complete Portfolio |
| 3 Math (Algebra I and higher) | 2 Career Related Learning Standards (CRLE) |
| 3 Science | |
| 2 Personal Development (Health and PE) | State Tests: |
| 3 Social Science | Reading (236 score or better) |
| 2 Fine Arts/CTE | Writing (40 or better) |
| 1 Second Language | Math (236 score or better) |
| 7 Electives | |

Despite the long list of requirements and the understanding that a high school diploma is something students must earn to start their adult life in a positive way, students still run into challenges that cause them to fall behind. To help students in these situations, there are options available for them to make up failed classes so that they are able to graduate on time.

Sun Credit Recovery: Two session a year to make up required classes.

Mt. Hood Community College: Repeat the class in the evenings

Brigham Young University On-line: Repeat the class on line

Gresham High School Summer School

East County Web Academy: Repeat classes or credit recovery

If you have a son or daughter in this position and he or she wants to retrieve or make up credit, please contact the counseling office for more details. Although there is a cost to the student for these classes, it is small compared to not receiving a diploma on-time with their fellow students.