



# COUNSELING CONNECTION



## Counseling Team

Students can schedule a meeting with their counselor through the booking links below

TEAM MEMBER	ASSIGNMENT	PHONE (262) 968-6273	BOOK AN APPOINTMENT
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## Upcoming Dates

Go to the “[Upcoming Events](#)” section of the Counseling page on the high school website for details on all events, including college admissions rep visits and college fairs.

EVENT	WHO	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Advisory Session - WCTC Dual Enrollment Academy Information	Interested sophomores and juniors	Tuesday, December 15, 10:20 am	<a href="#">Zoom Link</a> for Virtual Meeting
Junior Post-High School	Open to all Junior level	Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00	Virtual

Planning Presentation	Students and Parents	p.m.	
<a href="#">Wisconsin Education Fairs</a> (Virtual Series)	10th-12th grade students and parents	3-6pm on the following dates: Feb 10, Mar 10. & April 11	Virtual

## Junior Post High School Planning Night

We invite campus parents/guardians and 11th grade students to join the School Counseling team for a virtual presentation on Tuesday, **January 12 at 6:00 p.m.** The following topics will be covered:

- Post High School options
- College Entrance Testing
- 11th and 12th grade Planning Timeline
- Financial Aid/Scholarships

We encourage all parents and students to attend. A link to enter the presentation will be shared out the week before the event.

## WCTC Dual Enrollment Academy

Current 10th and 11th grade students that are looking to earn college credits while still in high school can do so through the Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) [Dual Enrollment Academy Program](#). This program has students taking pathway courses towards certificates and a technical degree, with the option of continuing post graduation. Dual Enrollment Academies include: Welding/Fabrication, Tool & Die/CNC, Automation Systems, Firefighter/EMT, Early Childhood Education, Building Construction Trades, and IT Systems Specialist. WCTC will be holding [Virtual Information sessions](#) for this opportunity February 10 and February 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. Attendance is required at the information session if a student wishes to apply. Applications for these programs are due by March 5, 2021. Students should see Mr. Rortvedt or their School Counselor if interested.

## UWM at Waukesha Nursing Informational Sessions

UWM at Waukesha is hosting two information sessions on December 16th from 4:00-5:30pm and December 17th from 11:30am-1:00pm for prospective students and their parents to learn more about the 4-year UWM Nursing degree that is going to be offered at the Waukesha campus starting in Fall of 2021. They will cover the application process, virtually tour the campus, and have a financial aid presentation. To register for this event, [please click here](#).

The application period closes January 2nd for fall, 2021 admissions. If you have any questions, please contact Rose Gostas, the Campus Visit & Recruitment Coordinator, at [crgostas@uwm.edu](mailto:crgostas@uwm.edu) - 414-251-6569.

## Xello - Academic and Career Planning Tool

All Kettle Moraine students in grades 6-12 have access to Xello, a platform for College and Career navigation and exploration. We value the importance of all students taking ownership and having passion about planning for life beyond high school. XELLO allows students to build an online portfolio that summarizes who they are as an individual, their involvement in extracurricular activities, and the skills they possess. This portfolio is accompanied by search tools specifically created to assist students in visualizing the many careers, educational pathways, colleges and majors that connect to their passions and goal-setting. We feel the more students can evaluate skills they possess and new skills they can adopt that they can be more intentional in planning for life beyond high school. [Here](#) is some information for parents as well as the [student link to log in](#). Students must be logged into their KM Google account on browser to log into Xello.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer work demonstrates one's involvement in their community and commitment to giving time for the well-being of others. Students with a history of volunteer work have an edge when seeking employment, applying to college or technical colleges, or competing for scholarships. There are many ways to volunteer, which leaves students with an avenue to pursue personal interests or passions. Students can refer to this link for possible [VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES](#). In addition, we recommend that students look into local businesses, religious affiliations, or special events in our community for service options.

## ACT - Test Prep Opportunities

**All juniors on campus will take the ACT, as a required state assessment on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.**

Registration for this test will take place at school prior to the test date. The ACT is a college entrance exam that may be required for admissions. Go to [ACT's website](#) for details about the test. Here are a couple of test prep opportunities to help KM students prepare for the ACT:

- Method Test Prep - **FREE** online test prep course for Kettle Moraine high school campus students. Students need to log in to their [XELLO](#) account to find the Method Test Prep course on the main dashboard, Links and Resources. Students must be logged into their KM Google account on browser to log into Xello.
- Kettle Moraine will be offering three 6-week virtual courses through Wisconsin Test Prep. The sessions will focus on each of the ACT content areas and students will have the opportunity to take a pre and post practice test. Visit [www.wisconsintestprep.com](http://www.wisconsintestprep.com) for details, including schedules and to register. Session one begins on January 13, 2021.

## SENIORS - Scholarships

Seniors, don't miss out on scholarship opportunities. We encourage you to check our [KM Scholarship List](#) weekly to ensure you are not missing new scholarship opportunities. Also, reminder that the [FAFSA](#) opened on October 1st. Each college sets their own priority deadline- if you haven't yet, be sure to complete the FAFSA prior to the first priority deadline. If you need help completing the FAFSA, contact the college Financial Aid

office directly or go to this webinar [recording](#) for details. Here are some additional reminders for seniors:

- All official transcripts are sent through [Parchment](#) (high school webpage, Counseling, "Transcript Request"). Once a personal account is set up, students can place transcript orders. Students are encouraged to use the [Step by Step instructions](#) to help with the process.
- ACT score reports must be sent directly from ACT.

## Dick Ohm Merit Award

The Dick Ohm Merit Award application is available. This is an opportunity for Kettle Moraine High School campus students to be recognized for their participation in school activities, positive attitude in the classroom, service in our school community, and leadership through good behavior and citizenship during the school year. The documents and electronic application form can be found in the [counseling section](#) of the high school webpage.

## AP Test Registration

For those students who are currently in an AP course the deadline to sign up for exams, without an extra fee, has passed. Any exams ordered between now and March 5, 2021 will require a \$40 late fee. If you ordered an exam there will be a \$4 cancellation fee if you cancel by that same March 5 date. The requirements for signing up in both Total Registration and AP Classroom remains. If you had initially signed up for an exam and it was cancelled you will need to reach out to Mr. Rortvedt ([rortvedp@kmsd.edu](mailto:rortvedp@kmsd.edu)) to get your exam re-ordered.

**A reminder to those students who have not yet begun their AP course you are on a different timeline for fees and this information will be shared with you when your course begins in January.**

The specific links for Total Registration for each of our schools are linked below and you can access AP Classroom [here](#).

**[KMHS](#)**

**[HS^2](#)**

**[Global](#)**

**[Perform](#)**

**If you have any questions or issues please contact our AP Coordinator, Pete Rortvedt ([rortvedp@kmsd.edu](mailto:rortvedp@kmsd.edu))**

## Resources for Students and Families

- [KM Community Resource list](#)
- [Your Choice Parent Webinars](#)- sessions on various topics for parents. Topics include resiliency, drugs, alcohol, vaping and screen addiction.
- [Healing Hearts of Waukesha](#) - grief support for students and families (counseling for death, divorce, separation, addiction)
- [Waukesha NAMI](#) (National Alliance on Mental Illness) - peer & family support groups.
- [Down Dog App](#) - Free wellness activities for students through July 1, 2021.