



Counselor Corner Weekly Digest: 8/27/18

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# Welcome back to school!

by [Mary Dowski, Counselor](#) on August 27, 2018

It has been a most pleasant summer-- going quickly, but full of relaxing, studying, puppies, travel, and family. I hope that your summer was enjoyable as well. As we head into the new year, I am so excited to announce that Mrs. Nicholes is providing more character education training to students K-12; as well as activities for students' social-emotional well-being. I am very happy to work with her and providing attentiveness to our Vision students' "whole child" experiences, K-12th grade.

I am very proud of our school and its students. In the realm of college & career, did you hear that Vision was #3 district in the state for advanced opportunities spending? We assisted students to save, on average \$909.21 towards college costs by spending their advanced opportunities money while in high school!!! We also have students who graduated with their Associate of Arts degrees who were then enrolled into the colleges of their choice with junior status! In addition, multiple students are completing career technical programs such as automotive, welding, and Certified Nursing Assistant at the College of Western Idaho, and a junior student is exploring Aviation at Treasure Valley Community College this year. So much is happening in the college and career pathway at Vision, and I am thrilled to be a part of it!!!

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## ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES PORTAL NOW OPEN

When enrolling in dual credit classes, students need to also apply for funding using their [Advanced Opportunities accounts](#). Each student needs to have an enrollment form on file at Vision in order to access their funds. If your child is missing this form, he or she will be informed.

**\*\*NEW THIS YEAR in Advanced Opportunities\*\***

Students who have accumulated FIFTEEN dual credits must receive academic advising prior to utilizing more Adv. Opps funds. This advising is achieved through individual student ECAPS (Education Career Action Plans) that were created last spring. Dr. Dowski will work with new students to create these plans, 9th-11th grade. Students were asked to share individual ECAPS with their parents for parents to review. If you have not seen your son's or daughter's ECAPS, please ask him or her to share it with you. It holds information regarding academic progress, college progress, career choices, etc.

## DUAL CREDIT REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Dual credit registration for IDLA classes, BSU, NNU, and CWI classes is now open. Registration closes on September 28th. NO LATE registrations accepted! Instructions for applying for NNU classes online, and how to register for Dual Enroll classes (BSU and CWI) are outlined on my website.

[More information on web site](#)

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MORE STORIES



Last year, Mira, my Bernese Mtn. Dog, began making visits to the school. I am excited that this year, she will continue to make visits. In addition, Mira's puppy Pema, and her friend, an English Cocker Spaniel, Sunny, are "school dogs" in training. A of the puppies' adventures towards becoming therapy dogs will be added to my counselor's website. My goal is that they are fully trained and certified for the 2019-2020 school year. Mira and myself are also in training to bring these services to Vision. Stay tuned!



*Please note that parents are always welcomed to call or email me in regards to their students.  
Parents can also submit a contact form via my website.*



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