



**Marian Catholic
College Counseling News
January 2022**

Junior Parent Night

Wednesday March 9

6:30 PM in the Leadership Center

Parents of juniors are invited to join us for an informational presentation on the **college search/application process** on **Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Leadership Center**. Michelle Rogers of St. Louis University and Todd Burrell of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will present the benefits of both private and public universities and discuss the college search process in general. Juniors are welcome to attend if they would like. Hope to see you on March 9th!

ACT / SAT Update

The number of colleges and universities that are test optional for the Class of 2023 is approaching 1,500. The most recent universities to announce that they will be test optional are University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and Northern Iowa University. Earlier in December, Harvard announced that they will be test optional through 2026.

The best source for a directory of test optional schools is FairTest. They regularly update their directory of test-

ACT / SAT

Test Dates

- **SAT**
March 12 Registration
Deadline February 11

optional, 4-year schools. It is available free online at <https://www.fairtest.org/university/optional> -- sort geographically by clicking on "State".

Even with the number of schools that are test optional, we are recommending that juniors take the ACT or SAT once. Test scores may be required for some majors and scholarships. Having a strong test score may also strengthen a student's application.

ACT Test Prep Opportunities

ACT Test Prep Class

Parents of juniors recently received an email with information and a registration form for an ACT Prep Class. The class will be held on Sundays in February and March at Marian. The class includes a full length practice ACT, an ACT study guide, instruction in test strategies and major content areas, and a personalized resource/time review summary. The cost of the class is \$150 and the **registration deadline is Friday, February 11** with full payment. If you have any questions about the class, please email Mrs. Denty at: ldenty@marianchs.com. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

Analyze Ed

On Wednesday January 12, the juniors took a practice ACT. In the coming weeks, every junior who took the test will receive an individualized program to assist them in preparing for the ACT.

Selecting Classes for Senior Year

On Tuesday, February 1st, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Rodewald will meet with juniors during Theology class to begin the process of selecting classes for senior year.

The counselors will meet individually with each junior to check that the student is on track to meet all graduation requirements. Graduation requirements are listed on page 5 in the [curriculum guide](#).

College Counseling Conferences

- **ACT April 2 At Marian** Registration Deadline February 25
- **SAT May 7** Registration Deadline April 8
- **SAT June 4** Registration Deadline May 5
- **ACT June 11** Registration Deadline May 6
- **ACT July 16** Registration Deadline June 17

To register for either test and for more information about the tests, go to their websites.

ACT www.act.org

SAT www.collegeboard.org

College Counselors

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In February, parents will receive an email / letter highlighting this program and the available dates for conferences. During second semester, juniors and their parents are encouraged to meet with a college counselor to discuss the college search and application process. Conferences will be scheduled beginning mid-February.

These conferences provide an excellent opportunity for the student, parents, and college counselor to meet together and get "on the same page" as senior year approaches!

Students whose last name begins with A - Me will meet with Mr. Rodewald and students whose last name begins with Mi - Z will meet with Mr. O'Brien for their college counseling conference.