
JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

Junior Meeting

Guidance Department

September 2023

PSAT

The PSAT will be given at NDJSHS on Wednesday, October 11th. The PSAT can prepare you for the spring school accountability exam, prepare you for all college entrance exams, qualify you for academic and career-tech dual credit opportunities, and possibly help you qualify for scholarships. Because of these benefits, the DOE covers the cost for all sophomores and juniors to take the exam. Please reference the PSAT Student Guide from CollegeBoard for more details. <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/psat-nmsqt-student-guide.pdf>

ASVAB

On November 20 all juniors will participate in ASVAB, a career exploration program. Before the assessment tools are given, you will be receiving a Student & Parent Guide to take home to read. This tool helps you determine if your skills match your career area of interest. * The assessment results are also a way for you to meet the postsecondary ready competency requirement if you have intent to enlist in the military.

CAMPUS VISITS

Each junior will be allowed one school day to visit a college/university/tech school. The form you need to fill out is attached. It must be completed and turned in at least one day prior to your visit. You are responsible for informing your teachers and make-up missed work.

You are also encouraged to visit campuses on breaks and weekends. Open House & Visitation dates can be found on the colleges' websites. Spending time on your college search now helps you decide where to apply next year.

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Spend some time on websites such as www.indianacareerexplorer.org, indianacareerready.com, mynextmove.org/explore/ip, www.learnmoreindiana.org. Schedule a time to meet with our new Career Coach, Mr. Dodd, if still undecided on a career. It is also a good idea to start researching scholarship opportunities at www.fastweb.com. The more time you spend exploring, the easier your senior year will be.

SAT

All Juniors must take the SAT in March for school accountability. This score may be used to meet the Graduation Pathway Requirement 3. But it is NOT a GQE. Retests will not be required by the state if you meet the Postsecondary-Ready Competencies another way (CTE concentrator or college credits). This mandated SAT in the spring is free and will count for college admission. Scores will be able to be sent to up to four colleges. Free practice tests can be found at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/khan-academy>

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

College representatives will be visiting our school during homeroom. These dates will be on the daily bulletin and an announcement will be made to dismiss the day of the meeting. Attendance will be taken. You will also be invited to meet with college reps at the **Southridge College Fair** on Oct. 4 and the **VUJC College Fair** on March 11. In addition to this, there will be a workshop at our school for your parents called "College 101". The college admissions process will be discussed and financial aid information will be shared.

DUAL CREDIT & INDIANA COLLEGE CORE

Be sure to sign up for all dual credit opportunities in classes that provide it (i.e. Precal, Composition, Lit, Ag, IED, Culinary, & traveling CTC courses). Spend time on mycollegecore.org to plan how you can earn a certificate for having 30 credit hours of general education that will block transfer to college.

NCAA

Want to play sports at a Div I or II school? Check out requirements and register at eligibilitycenter.org

FREE JOB CERTIFICATIONS

Take advantage of free training in one of Indiana's high-demand job fields. Next Level Jobs provides Hoosiers tuition-free training through the Workforce Ready Grant. Explore free training programs at nextleveljobs.org

