

# Counselors' Corner

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome to the first junior edition of Counselors' Corner. Now through the end of your student's senior year you will periodically receive this newsletter in an effort to keep you updated on important events such as career and college planning, college entrance exams, scholarships, financial aid, and enrichment opportunities.

As always, please feel free to contact your student's school counselor with any questions or concerns.

### Upcoming Events:

- 10/11/23-** Parent Teacher Conferences BHS 5:00p.m.—8:00p.m.
- 10/12/23-** Parent Teacher Conferences BHS 8:00 a. m. — 8:00 p.m.
- 10/27/23 -** End of 1st Nine Weeks
- 11/22-26/23-** Thanksgiving Break
- 12/22/23—1/2/24-** Winter Break
- 1/11/24-** End of 1st Semester

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## Career Planning Information



### Begin college 'to do' list

- Reasons for pursuing post-secondary education
- Identify goals
- Begin a broad college search

**Be sure to visit Ohio Means Jobs**

<https://jobseeker.k-12.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/seeker.aspx>

### National Honor Society selection process will begin in October

- Student must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA to be eligible for NHS
- Complete candidacy form (sent via email) and submit by deadline
- Criteria considered: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service

### Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal

Is your student interested in earning the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal, a formal designation on a student's diploma showing that he/she is prepared to contribute to the workplace and his/her community? Review the attachment for more information on requirements for earning the seal and the personal strengths and professional skills the OMJ Readiness Seal targets.



**Financial Aid Night** - Cheryl Chafee from BGSU Firelands will be sharing information regarding the FAFSA, scholarships and other sources of financial aid on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 in the high school library. The presentation begins at 6 PM.

## College Testing Information

All students are encouraged to take either the ACT or SAT in the spring of their junior year. If choosing to take the ACT, students should apply for the Writing option on their first attempt of the test because many colleges and universities use the score for placement purposes. Taking the test in the spring will provide the student the opportunity to retest in the fall of their senior year, should they wish to do so. These scores are used for college entrance and are often taken into account in scholarship selections. **The Ohio Department of Education has mandated that all juniors take a college entrance exam. At BHS, all juniors will be taking the ACT free of charge during the school day on February 27, 2024. The writing test WILL NOT be included in this administration.**

**ACT**— Bellevue High School Code: 360-405

Registration Deadline	Test Date
November 3, 2023	December 9, 2023
January 5, 2024	February 10, 2024
March 8, 2024	April 13, 2024
May 3, 2024	June 8, 2024
June 7, 2024	July 13, 2024

Register at: [www.actstudent.org/bts](http://www.actstudent.org/bts)

Test dates listed in red are administered at BHS.

**SAT**— Bellevue High School Code: 360-405

Registration Deadline	Test Date
October 5, 2023	November 4, 2023
November 2, 2023	December 2, 2023
February 23, 2024	March 9, 2024

Register at: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>

\*\*The SAT is not administered at BHS. More dates are available in 2023.

## NCAA Eligibility Center/NAIA

Any student wishing to play **Division I or II** athletics must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. **The application process can be completed by visiting <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>.** Please check out the website for further details about eligibility requirements.

**Note:** Students must send ACT scores directly from ACT to the NCAA Eligibility Center. This task can be completed through the student-created ACT account.

Students interested in collegiate athletics may also want to consider registering with the NAIA. **The registration can be completed at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org).**



## Junior Checklist

- Keep your grades up!
- Get involved! Join an academic club, team, or activity
- Register for ACT/SAT in the Spring/Summer
- Talk with parents/guardians and school counselor about colleges and careers of interest
- List, compare, and visit colleges
- Start or update an academic and activity resume
- Investigate scholarship opportunities
- Volunteer in your community
- Get a part-time job, apprenticeship or internship, or job shadow in a profession that interests you
- Register for Selective Service (males, 30 days before 18th birthday, @ [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov))

