

Counselor CONNECTION



Senior Edition

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SCHOLARSHIP FAIR

October 12th local scholarship sponsors from the community will be set up in the gym to answer questions and pass out scholarship applications. Students will attend during their English classes. If students have a dual credit English class, they may attend when their schedule allows during the day. If their English class is online, they must sign in at the front office when they arrive at school to walk through the fair. If you have questions contact Kallie Hamilton at kallie.hamilton@madison.kyschools.us.

COLLEGE FAIR

College representatives will be set up in the gym for students to meet and ask questions about their college on November 1st. Students will be given a ticket with a time to attend the fair. If students classes are off campus they may come when their schedule allows during the day. They must sign in and out of the front office. The fair will be held from 8:30-12:00. If you have questions contact Kallie Hamilton at kallie.hamilton@madison.kyschools.us.

ASVAB

We will be administering the ASVAB on November 2 in Eagle Studios. Students must sign up in advance. There is a sign up in the counseling office. Students should report directly to Eagle Studios. The test will last approximately 8:15-12:30. This is a free assessment for students. Students will eat lunch once the test is over. If you have any questions contact Kallie Hamilton at kallie.hamilton@madison.kyschools.us.

FAFSA INFORMATION NIGHT

This year the FAFSA is going to look very different! Joplin Rice from KHEAA will be here to give an information session about the changes to FAFSA and helpful tips for completing the FAFSA. The FAFSA will NOT open in October. It will open sometime between December 1 and December 31. KHEAA is encouraging everyone to "Wait till 1" which means wait until January to complete your FAFSA. This presentation will be from 5:30-7:30 in the auditorium.

COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY

More details to come!!!

SENIOR PICTURES

Holifield Photography will be at MSHS on Oct. 26th to take senior pictures. These are the pictures that are used in the yearbook.

SENIOR CHECKLIST

- CREATE PARCHMENT ACCOUNT
- ATTEND SCHOLARSHIP FAIR
- ATTEND COLLEGE FAIR
- APPLY TO COLLEGES OF INTEREST BY THANKSGIVING BREAK
- SEND TRANSCRIPTS USING PARCHMENT AFTER APPLYING
- CHECK TO SEE IF SEPARATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE DEADLINES.
- CHECK LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS ON MSHS COUNSELING PAGE
- IF YOU NEED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, FOLLOWING THE LINK AND COMPLETE. [COUNSELOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM](#)

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COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Students can begin filling out college applications when the application opens for each college. If students are eligible for free/reduced lunch they can get a college application fee waiver. (See Mrs. Hamilton) Students want to have all of their college applications completed by Thanksgiving Break. This should allow them to meet the scholarship deadline for most colleges. Students should check each college website when applying to see if there are separate applications necessary for scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The counseling office posts any local scholarships on the school counseling website. We update scholarships as we receive them so check frequently. There are also scholarship searches listed on the side of the webpage. KHEAA also offers a publication that lists most scholarships each college offers. There is a link to it below as well.

- <https://mshs.madison.kyschools.us/services/guidance-office/scholarships>
- <https://www.kheaa.com/web/ahe.faces>

KEES MONEY

Students begin earning KEES money during their freshman year of high school. Their senior year KEES money will be posted sometime in June. In addition to GPA students also earn money for their highest composite ACT score (KHEAA does not use superscores) If students are eligible for free/reduced lunch then they also earn KEES money for their AP scores that are a 3 or higher. To check their KEES money students will need to go to KHEAA.com and login or create an account. If they see any discrepancies with their KEES money, GPA, ACT, or AP scores they should contact Kallie Hamilton at kallie.hamilton@madison.kyschools.us.

TRANSCRIPTS

As students are applying to colleges they will need to send a transcripts, we use [parchment.com](https://www.parchment.com) to send transcripts. Most students have created a parchment account in their English class. If they have a dual credit or online English class, they may need to create their accounts on their own. During their senior year parchment will not charge them to send their transcripts. It will begin charging them on June 1, 2024. Students should request a final transcript be sent to whatever school they are going to before June 1, 2024. If students have questions they can contact Kallie Hamilton at kallie.hamilton@madison.kyschools.us.

SENIOR LEARNING HOURS

In order to walk at graduation, students are required to earn 10 service learning hours by the end of their senior year. There is a form in the counseling office. There are many opportunities for students to earn these hours. If they have questions they can reach out to Mr. Quinlan or email him at sean.quinlan@madison.kyschools.us.

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GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Governor's Scholars Program is a summer residential program for outstanding juniors in Kentucky. Selection for the program is highly competitive, with an application process similar to that of a prestigious college and university.

There are several parts to the GSP application and students are encouraged to start the application process as early as possible. Below are key dates to help with this process!

September 27- Meeting with former GSPers (9:15 lib.)

October 31- Check in with Mr. Pope

November 21- Rough drafts are due to Mr. Pope

December 11- Rough drafts returned with feedback

January 8- Final Applications DUE

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

The Governor's School for the Arts is a summer program for current sophomores or juniors living in the state of Kentucky and have an extra ordinary talent in a performing area such as art, drama, music and writing. This is a competitive program with both an application and an audition process. Key dates are listed below!

October 5- Application portal opens and applicant guides are released.

January 14- Application due by 11:59pm

**Students are encouraged to speak with Mr. Grant, Mrs. Hembree or Mrs. Wilson to aid with the GSA application.

**Students are encouraged to visit <https://www.kentuckyperformingarts.org/education/governors-school-for-the-arts/gsa-2024-application-timeline-webinars> to see a list of webinars and dates pertaining to GSA.

HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now available in the Counseling Office. These applications are strictly for sophomores looking to participate in the HOBY Leadership conference next summer at Berea College. Madison Southern pays the registration fee for two students each year! If you are interesting please come see Mr. Pope and pick up an application. Applications are due no later than **October 16th, 2023.**

TUTORING SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
Math (or any subject) Ms. Kuhn Rm 121	Math (or any subject) Ms. Kuhn Rm 121
Social Studies Sizemore Rm 217	Social Studies Sizemore Rm 217
Science Rader Rm 206	English Cates Rm 166
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Math (or any subject) Ms. Kuhn Rm 121	Math (or any subject) Ms. Kuhn Rm 121
Social Studies Rice Rm 208	Social Studies Sizemore Rm 217
Science Isaacs Rm 203 Robinson Rm 232	English J. Grant Rm 151

AP TESTING

IMPORTANT DATES

November 1st:

- Last Day to indicate exam status on College Board.
- Last Day to place order on Total Registration without incurring \$15 fee.

November 14th: Last Day to place order on Total Registration without incurring \$40 fee.

December 1st: Payment deadline for exams on Total Registration.

**AP Exams are \$25 per exam.

**Students must indicate exam status on College Board AND order/pay for the exam on Total Registration.

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ACT NATIONAL TESTING DATES

SAT NATIONAL TESTING DATES

OCTOBER 28, 2023
DECEMBER 9, 2023
FEBRUARY 10, 2024
APRIL 13, 2024
JUNE 8, 2024
JULY 13, 2024

OCTOBER 7TH, 2023
NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023
DEC 2ND, 2023
MARCH 9TH, 2024
MAY 4TH, 2024
JUNE 1ST, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 2ND-9TH: FALL BREAK
OCTOBER 10TH: CAMP COMPETE ENGLISH (12TH GRADE ONLY)
OCTOBER 11TH: CAMP COMPETE MATH (12TH GRADE ONLY)
OCTOBER 12TH: SCHOLARSHIP FAIR (12TH GRADE ONLY)
OCTOBER 13TH: END OF 1ST TERM
OCTOBER 17TH: SENIOR ACT
OCTOBER 20TH: MAKE UP PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 24TH: IGNITE SOUTH CAREER NIGHT
OCTOBER 26TH: SENIOR PICTURES AT MSHS
OCTOBER 26TH: IGNITE NORTH CAREER NIGHT
OCTOBER 25TH: PSAT 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH

NOVEMBER 1ST: COLLEGE FAIR AT MSHS (12TH GRADE ONLY)
NOVEMBER 2ND: ASVAB (10TH, 11TH & 12TH)
NOVEMBER 2ND: PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCE NIGHT 4PM-6PM
NOVEMBER 7TH: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
NOVEMBER 9TH: COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY (12TH GRADE ONLY)
NOVEMBER 14TH: FAFSA SENIOR PARENT/ GUARDIAN INFORMATIONAL NIGHT 5:30-7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 15TH: SENIOR COOK OFF 5:00-7:00PM IN CAFETERIA
NOVEMBER 27TH: SENIORS DECORATE ORNAMENTS FOR CLASS TREE DURING ADVISORY

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