



GUIDANCE OFFICE: FEBRUARY NEWS

Course Registration for 2024-2025

Students began the 2024-2025 course registration process during advisor group times on January 30th and completed the process through online registration on February 6th. Parents have been encouraged to discuss course selection with their student(s). The Curriculum Guide can be found on our website [here](#), and should be used as an aid in the selection process. The Requirements for Graduation table can be found on page 4 of the Guide and is helpful in ensuring that students are on track for graduation. Counselors will work with students who were absent for the online registration portion, as well as those who were not able to complete the process. You may log onto your student's PowerSchool account using their login information to see what courses they have registered for next school year.

North Montco Technical Career Center (9th Grade)

On January 30th, interested freshmen toured the North Montco Technical Career Center in Lansdale. Students enjoyed learning more about all the technical center has to offer. Currently, North Montco offers 21 programs which can be accessed [here](#). **Students who are interested in applying for next year should visit the Guidance Office for an application; applications are due to the Guidance Office by February 20th.**

College and Career Planning

Mrs. Weaver is available to meet with juniors to have a conversation about college and career options. While all four years in high school are important, the most pivotal year for academic and career decisions is the student's junior year. During their junior year, students take a more comprehensive look at their future beyond high school. Below are some things juniors should be working on this year.

- Set up a time to meet with Mrs. Weaver about your future career goals, college selection, current academic standing, and selection of their senior year courses.
- Explore your options to prepare for the SAT. Seek out free online resources and SAT Prep classes as needed. There is a brief list available on the Guidance Office [SAT Prep webpage](#).
- Develop a list of potential colleges, technical schools, or job opportunities to research.
- Student athletes who are considering playing in a Division I or II sport in college should become familiar with the NCAA Guidelines for Student Athletes. It is important that you check to make sure you are meeting the core course requirements and test standards.
- Visit the colleges and technical schools that fit your career goals and aspirations.
- Gather financial aid information from any sources available: Dock, the local community, and most importantly, from the educational institutions you are seeking to attend.

College fairs are a great way for parents and students to learn more about the college/university opportunities available to them through interacting with representatives and collecting resource materials. College fairs are offered in person and virtually. Click [here](#) to view the 2023-2024 College Fair list. **Mennonite & Christian Universities** also offer several open houses which can be viewed [here](#).

Senior SCOIR Reminder

Seniors applying to college, remember to add all colleges you are applying to on your SCOIR account. The Guidance Office uses SCOIR to send all supporting documentation to these colleges, including your transcript. You should be requesting letters of recommendation through SCOIR as well. Please give your teachers at least 1-2 weeks' notice to write letters on your behalf. Mid-year grade reports will be sent in February through SCOIR. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kabakjian.

PSAT's/SAT's

Student's PSAT scores are available to our students online. Login into your Collegeboard.org account to see your scores and watch the video to learn more about preparing for the SAT. Students should only ever create one College Board account using their full legal/given name.

Make sure you link your PSAT scores to Khan Academy; they will create a free individualized test prep plan for you based on the questions you missed on the PSAT. This can be of significant assistance in preparing you for the SAT.

All juniors should plan on taking the SAT in March, May, or June of 2024. Register for the SAT [here](#). SAT testing dates and registration deadlines are as follows:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024

CollegeBoard offers the following resources and more! Click [here](#) to go to the PSAT information page.

- **How to Access Your PSAT/NMSQT Scores** – watch a [video](#) to learn how to access your scores.
- **Video Tour of the PSAT/NMSQT Score Report** – a helpful [overview](#) of your score report and how to interpret and use it.
- **Practice for the SAT Using Your PSAT/NMSQT** – Join [Khan Academy](#) to get personalized help with SAT practice based on your PSAT results.
- **Discover your AP Potential** – [Explore](#) the possibility of taking an AP class based on the list generated by your performance on the PSAT and SAT.
- **College and Career Planning** – Create a [plan](#) for your future based on your scores and interests.
- **Explore Scholarships** – [Find](#) scholarships and financial aid to help you pay for college.

Any sophomore or junior in learning support who would like to request the paperwork for SAT accommodations should visit the Guidance Office *as soon as possible*. The process with the College Board can take as long as 8 to 12 weeks. Current educational testing is a requirement for the accommodation request to be approved. It is recommended that educational testing be no more than 3 years old for college services.

Resources Available in the Guidance Office

- **Scholarships and Local Contests** – View a comprehensive list [here](#) or pick up a printed copy in the Guidance Office!
- **Job Opportunities** – posted on the Rosenberger Kiosk .
- **Summer Opportunities** – posted on the Rosenberger Kiosk, in the Guidance Office, and [here](#) on our website.
- **SAT Prep and Academic Tutoring Lists** – View the SAT Prep list [here](#) and the Tutoring list [here](#), or stop by the Guidance Office!

Students are welcome to stop by the Guidance Office and check out these resources anytime!

