

# CHS Junior Class Information – 2023-2024

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## I. Counseling Department – Google Classroom code: pq41gbc

- A. A-F – Mrs. Kisse
- B. G-K – Mrs. Phillips
- C. L-R – Mr. Trottier
- D. S-Z – Mrs. Guidinger

## II. Visit with College Representatives and Military Recruiters

- A. Check daily bulletin for scheduled visits
- B. Make plans to visit potential colleges during the summer or other school breaks
- C. Visit military recruiters at their offices on Front Street
- D. National Guard offices are just east of CHS, call 1-888-ND-GUARD, or go to [www.ndguard.com](http://www.ndguard.com)

## III. College Admission Standards

- A. ND four-year college requirements
  - 1. 4 credits English
  - 2. 3 credits of mathematics, Alg. 1 and above
  - 3. 3 credits of lab science
  - 4. 3 credits of social studies

**\*\*NDSU and UND require an additional credit of core course from areas listed above or world language**
- B. Out-of-state schools may have additional requirements
  - 1. Many require two or more years of same foreign language, fine arts, or additional core course requirements
  - 2. Contact schools for more information
- C. NCAA athletic eligibility – go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) for more info and to register
  - 1. NCAA Division I & II require 16 core courses
  - 2. Division I requires 10 core courses be completed prior to 7<sup>th</sup> semester (end of junior year)

## IV. Competitive Admissions Schools/Programs

- A. Be aware of early deadlines for admission and/or financial aid, any special requirements, and admission test recommendations from selective schools
- B. Many specialized/technical programs have limited openings as well (e.g. Dental Hygiene, Power Plant Processing, Welding, etc.)
- C. Consult college guides online and contact schools for more information
- D. Apply Early!

## V. College Admissions Testing

- A. Many colleges require students to complete an admissions test – ND schools do NOT require for admission but may use scores for course placement, scholarship consideration, etc.
  - 1. ACT (\$68) – preferred test in the Midwest – [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)  
ACT Plus Writing (\$93) – not required by ND colleges, may be required in other states  
ACT now offers “superscore” for those who take ACT more than once!

***\*All CHS Juniors will be given the ACT Plus Writing on Tuesday, March 12 at no cost\****

***\*Registration will take place at school in February\****

- 2. SAT (\$60) - east/west coast, private/selective schools may prefer or require – [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
SAT Subject Tests – some schools may require for admissions or placement purposes
- B. Fee waivers available for students on free or reduced meals – see your counselor
- C. Register for these tests online and make sure to include CHS School Code: **350-159**

## VI. Test Preparation

- A. Testive – online test prep course includes customized study plan and two full-length practice tests
  1. Provided free to all ND students by the Bank of ND
  2. Go to [www.RUReady.ND.gov](http://www.RUReady.ND.gov) and click on test prep
- B. Sylvan Learning Center and BPS have partnered for ACT test prep with special pricing
  1. ACT practice test and test interpretation
  2. “Boot Camp” in February
  3. Look for more information coming this winter (last year’s cost - \$130)
- C. CHS Library has test prep materials available for checkout
- D. Many online resources are free and helpful. Check out the test websites (ex. [act.org](http://act.org)) which include valuable test prep resources

## VII. Scholarships

- A. Limited opportunities for juniors – look online for:
  1. Prudential Spirit of Community Awards
  2. Chevy Scholar Program
  3. Horatio Alger Association Scholarships
  4. United States Senate Youth Program
- B. ND Scholars Program
  1. Top scholars, as measured by ACT scores, are awarded full in-state tuition scholarships
  2. Only ACT tests taken during junior year will count toward this program – there is no application
- C. North Dakota Scholarship (replaces ND Academic Scholarship & ND Career and Technical Scholarship)
  1. Program offering \$750 scholarship per semester for four years (up to \$6,000 max) to attend ND school
  2. See attached sheet for eligibility requirements, specific criteria, and more info
- D. Use this time to enhance your “resume”, i.e. academics, school activities, community activities, leadership experience, work experience, GPA/class rank, ACT/SAT scores

## VIII. Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

- A. Test measures military aptitudes, qualifications for military, and is used as indicator for “Military Ready” component of State Scholarship
  1. Open to juniors and seniors at no cost
  2. Test day – Thurs., Sept. 21 at CHS at 8:00am (periods 1-3)
  3. Sign up using Google form in junior Google classroom page
- B. No commitment to the military by taking the test

## IX. Military Service Academies

- A. Air Force (Colorado Springs, CO), Army (West Point, NY), Merchant Marine (Kings Point, NY), Navy/Marines (Annapolis, MD) – [scanham2@bis.midco.net](mailto:scanham2@bis.midco.net) is local contact for Naval Academy
- B. Educational cost – none; valued at over \$100,000/year
- C. Officer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.; military commitment – 5 years
- D. Application procedure
  1. Seek appointment from ND Congressional delegation (more info on their websites)
  2. Complete pre-candidate questionnaire

## X. Career Planning

- A. Career Advisor – Mrs. Henkelman will be at CHS Monday thru Thursday each week – stop in the counseling office or email her to set up an appointment
  1. Provides career counseling, interest inventories, employability training, labor market info, etc.
  2. See her about taking the WorkKeys exam, attending a Career Forum or participating in a Job Shadow (see attached)
- B. [RUReady.ND.gov](http://RUReady.ND.gov) – this online program can help you plan your future work and learning
  1. Explore career and work options with help of interest profiler, skills survey, values sorter, etc.
  2. Map your future with high school and college planning tools, plus financial aid info and ACT prep
- C. Career Outlook – annual ND publication with information on occupations, employment trends, schools, financial aid, and conducting a job search

## XI. Senior Meetings – Summer 2024

- A. This spring/summer – you will schedule a senior meeting with your counselor
- B. Review transcript, view/modify senior year schedule, discuss future plans