



## **2023 College Waiver Week – FREE College Applications**

**ATTENTION SENIORS:** Seneca Valley’s Waiver Week is scheduled the week of **October 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**! Representatives from Ohio University, West Virginia University, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Western University (California, Clarion, & Edinboro), Penn State University, Butler County Community College and Slippery Rock University will be here one day for **College Waiver Week**. Seniors can take advantage of a **FREE** application and receive guidance on their applications and potential admissions decision. Seniors planning on participating must sign up in **SchoolLinks** under the **School Events** tab. Students can log in to **SchoolLinks** by locating the icon on their Seneca Valley Resource page or by clicking here: <https://app.schoollinks.com/dashboard> Students click on “Log in with Active Directory” if it does not automatically log you in.

Waiver Week will be in the senior high LGI for in-person students and remote students can call on TEAMS to participate.

Sign up today as slots are limited and filling quickly!

## **College & Career Speaker Series – Financial Aid & Scholarship Searches**



9th- 12th grade students and parents are invited to attend a College & Career Speaker Series session on- Financial Aid & Scholarship Searching. This event is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17, 2023 from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm** in the SHS Library.

Wendy Dunlap from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) will be presenting pertinent financial information and timelines, and address scholarship searches, helpful websites, and recommended programs.

Interested **PARENTS** register here on the Guidance website: [PARENT RSVP](#)

Interested **STUDENTS** register in their SchoolLinks account <https://app.schoollinks.com/dashboard> under the **School Events** tab or contact your school counselor to sign up. Students must communicate their attendance for this event to their teacher. Students click on “**Log in with Active Directory**” if it does not automatically log you in.

## **PSAT/NMSQT**

(Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

**Saturday, October 14, 2023 in the Senior High School.** Registered students should enter the second-floor student parking lot doors between 7:30-7:45 am. The exam will be administered in a digital format and students must bring their **fully charged laptop and charging cord**. Testing lasts approximately 2 hours and 10 minutes.

## **Advanced Placement Exam Registration**

 CollegeBoard

 AP

Finalizing an AP exam order is a **two-step process** – in addition to creating an account and ordering exams at **totalregistration.net**, all students need to create a **MyAP** account at **myap.collegeboard.org** to access their AP classroom and indicate that they will be taking the exam. We strongly recommend that both parent and student are present to ensure that all required information is entered and the correct exam is ordered.

### **Registration Site Access and Cost**

The **2024 AP exams** are ordered online through **Total Registration** – access the site the following ways:

- Direct web address: [www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/395465](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/395465)
- **Total Registration** icon on the senior high guidance webpage (select **Testing** then choose **AP**)
- **AP Registration** link in “*site shortcuts*” on the senior high webpage

### **AP Exam Fees and Deadlines**

**Regular registration** – October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023 – **\$101 per exam.**

**Late registration** – November 1, 2023 through November 9, 2023 – **\$126 per exam.**

\*\*Regular and late AP exams registrations that are not fully paid by Thursday, November 9, 2023 will be canceled and exams will not be ordered.

**Post-registration** – November 10, 2023 through March 8, 2024 – **\$166 per exam.**

Last possible date to order an exam (all late charges apply) – March 8, 2024.

\*\*Post-registrations that are not fully paid by Wednesday, March 13, 2024 will be canceled and exams will not be ordered.

Alternate testing requests – If approved, fee will be determined based on AP policy allowances and administration expenses.

## Two-Step Ordering Process

### 1. Selecting and Paying for an AP Exam in Total Registration

This is the first step of the registration process that allows students to select and pay for an AP Exam.

- When entering your email select a **personal email account** that you access regularly since all exam information will be sent to this - **DO NOT** use your school email account.
- All required questions must be completed - you will receive an email request to verify your information.
- When prompted, select the **course, instructor and period** of your AP class.
- Payment must be submitted by **credit/debit card** or **check** made payable to **Total Registration, LLC** (if choosing to mail your payment you will be prompted to print a mail-in payment voucher).
- Registration is complete when a **pdf confirmation** appears at the end of the registration process.

### 2. Entering a Join Code in MyAP to Indicate Testing Preference

This is the second step of the registration process and finalizes the exam order.

- Once in your **MyAP** account, select **Join a Course or Exam** and enter the unique join code for each exam you ordered - you will then change your exam order preference from **"undecided"** to **"yes."**
  - Students in a **traditional AP course** were provided a join code with directions for enrolling in the correct section of their AP classroom - If you haven't already joined your AP classroom, the code will be generated once you complete the Total Registration exam order.
  - Students in a **cyber AP course** will not have access to an AP classroom - you will obtain an **exam only** join code after completing your Total Registration order.
- Students who already used a join code to register into an AP classroom only need to verify their testing preference after completing the Total Registration exam order in Step 1.

## College Admissions Representatives –Visits



**College Admission Representatives** are meeting in-person with interested 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Seneca Valley students throughout the Fall season. In the college search process, it is important to schedule visits, learn about different colleges and universities, meet the representative (most times that representative will be making admissions decisions) and ask questions that are important to one's success in the college environment. Students can sign up with institutions of interest by logging into their SchoolLinks account and clicking on the **School Events Tab**. Students will login to SchoolLinks by locating the SchoolLinks icon on the resource page of their building or through the Clever URL <https://app.schoollinks.com/dashboard>.

New institutions sign up daily, so keep checking back.

Students will attend the college admission sessions in a group setting (whether in-person or virtual) at the senior high school in the College & Career Center (2A) located on the second floor. Students must communicate their attendance for this event to their teacher by sharing their SchoolLinks registration confirmation.

## **U.S. Military Service Academy Night**

### **Open invite to High School Students and Family Members**

Representatives for the United States Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy will be hosting a Military Service Academy Night for students interested in attending one of our nation's Service Academies. As students begin to consider and work towards the possibility of attending an academy, this event is intended to assist in their overall preparedness.

**Please contact Joe Olsavsky for more information - [jeolsavsky@comcast.net](mailto:jeolsavsky@comcast.net) (814) 809-4746**



**WHEN:** This year's Service Academy Night will take place on **Thursday, October 19, 2023, from 5:30-8:30 pm**. The program will include presentations from Academy Liaison Officers and a detailed explanation of the Congressional nomination process. Service Academy Liaisons will also be available to answer questions from Academy Night attendees.

**WHERE:** ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY (RMU), UPMC Events Center, 6001 University Boulevard, Moon Township, PA 15108.

## **ASVAB Testing**

**Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores:** Are you struggling with what you want to do with your life following high school? Not sure what career you want to pursue? On **Tuesday, October 24, 2023** the **ASVAB** will be administered to any interested student during periods 1 through 4. The ASVAB is a career exploration program that includes an aptitude test, interest inventory and an exercise that helps students explore the world of work. If you are interested in taking the ASVAB, please **sign-up by October 17<sup>th</sup>** in the guidance office. **Signed permission slip is required to take the test.** There is no cost to take the ASVAB.

**SENIORS: A new FAFSA will be available in December!**

Seniors and their parent (s) can create their FSA ID accounts in anticipation of completing the FAFSA in December. More information to follow, however, the student and/or parent contributor (s) must apply 4 days before the FAFSA application can be completed to allow time for verification. Access the following [FAFSA Tip Sheet](#) for more details.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Seneca will provide a FAFSA (virtual) Completion Session for parents and seniors on Monday, December 18, 2023, from 6:00-7:30 pm. There will be a signup for this event in the November announcements.

**A New FAFSA® is Coming in December**

**STAY TUNED FOR APPLICATION DATE IN DECEMBER!!**

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**YOU CAN CREATE YOUR FSA ID NUMBER NOW— YOU MUST DO THAT 4 DAYS BEFORE YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA**

Students can begin to apply for financial aid for 2024-25 by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) in December. Usually, the FAFSA is available to complete as of October 1. This year, due to FAFSA Simplification, the application will be delayed.

## **Seneca Valley Career Treks**

**Attention Students:** A Career Trek is a career-related field trip to a worksite or post-secondary career institution to expand student understanding of the 16 career clusters. Students interested in the associated career cluster(s) are encouraged to attend.

Students can visit the SHS or IHS Guidance Office to sign up and receive a permission slip. The completed permission slip must be returned to the **Guidance Office** by the due date. **Available seats are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis.** See your school counselor with any questions.

LOCATION	CAREER TREK DATE	PERMISSION SLIP DUE DATE	CAREER CLUSTER(S)
<b>Build-On Construction Trade Fair</b> – David Lawrence Convention Center <i>See below.</i>	11/17/23	10/23/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Architecture &amp; Construction</li> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Transportation, Distribution &amp; Logistics</li> </ul>

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

**BG Builders Guild of Western PA**

**SAVE *the* DATE!**

**BuildOn >>> '23**  
**Careers in the Building and Construction Industry**

**WHEN?** Friday, November 17, 2023.  
**WHERE?** David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh.  
**WHAT?** Over 30 construction union locals offering hands-on demonstrations and apprentice and career information.  
**WHO?** Students grades 5 through 12 welcome.

[www.buildersguild.org](http://www.buildersguild.org)

## Senior Class and College Applications



Seniors are reminded to request all transcripts and teacher letters of recommendation through our new College & Career Readiness platform: **SchoolLinks**. Students and parents can track the status of all requests to see when documents have been sent to colleges and universities. Access pertinent transcript, college processing information, and how-to guides on the Guidance website **HERE**.

## **9-12th Grade Students interested in the Healthcare Profession:**



Robert Morris University is partnering with Seneca Valley and several other high schools with a virtual **Healthcare Professionals High School Mentoring Program** during the 2023-2024 school year. The goal of the program is to enlighten and educate students about the varied career opportunities in the healthcare industry. Students will participate with professionals and current RMU students devoted to sharing information about the particular healthcare topic. A question-and-answer period and networking will be available at the end of each session. Students can earn certificates after participating in the field trip and five Zoom sessions. The healthcare sessions will be taped and available to view to earn credit.

**October 13, 2023 - FIELD TRIP to RMU – Kick-off Event**

**November 15, 2023 - Health Services Administration**

**December 13, 2023 - Nursing**

**January 17, 2024 - Health Sciences**

**February 14, 2024 - Psychology**

**March 20, 2024 - Pre-Medicine**

**TBD 2024 – RMU visits SV for student certificates & final recognition**

Students register by following the instructions:

- Login to SchoolLinks/CLICK on SCHOOL EVENTS TAB (at top): Find RMU HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, CLICK on the topic and “REGISTER FOR THE EVENT”
- The virtual meeting link will UNLOCK at event start time (11:30 am)
- IN-PERSON students meet in the SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 229 (2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR)—Bring your laptops, earbuds/headphones. CYBER STUDENTS can join at event time from home.
- THESE SESSIONS WILL BE TAPED! Students who cannot attend day/time can request and view the taped version to get credit.

*Contact your school counselor with any questions.*

## **Scholarships**

Access **SchoolLinks** and go to **Finances** and then to **Scholarship Matching** to review national scholarship opportunities. Local and some state scholarships we receive

throughout the school year will be posted on **SchoolLinks** under the **District Posted** tab. For more information about other scholarship searches and tips visit our website [HERE](#) and be sure to download the **SV Guide to Scholarships & Grants**.

## **2023-2024 COLLEGE CHECKLISTS**

All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students can now access a planning calendar for SV College & Career events and timeline for meeting college planning goals on the Guidance website. Access these grade level checklists [HERE](#).

## **SAT and ACT Testing**

Check for upcoming test/registration dates to meet fall application deadlines. Check our Testing page on the Guidance website for details [HERE](#).

**Don't forget to follow the school counselors for more events and reminders on Instagram:**



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