



By taking the PSAT/NMSQT, juniors are entered into scholarship competitions administered by the National Merit Scholarship Program and additional scholarship providers. Visit [www.collegeboard.com/psat/](http://www.collegeboard.com/psat/) for additional information.

## **2023-2024 COLLEGE in HIGH SCHOOL COURSES (CHS):**

### **What is a CHS course and why take college courses in high school?**

Taking a CHS course in high school is a great way to jump-start your future education because earned CHS credits may transfer to institutions across the country at a very discounted rate (some fees are only 10% of regular tuition rates). CHS students are known to complete their bachelor's degree in a shorter time, increase their chances of a successful first year in college, and have a lower chance of placement into remedial Math or English courses. SV has approximately 39 CHS courses (listed below) available with agreements from six different colleges and universities including Butler County Community College, Carlow University, La Roche University, Point Park University, Robert Morris University, and the University of Pittsburgh.

CHS Algebra 2	CHS Healthcare Concepts & Medical Terminology
CHS Animation	CHS Human Geography
CHS Argument	CHS Integrated Journalism & Politics
CHS Ballet	CHS Introduction to Marketing
CHS/AP Biology	CHS Introduction to Programming
CHS Business Calculus	CHS Introduction to Philosophy
CHS Business Law	CHS Introduction to Special Education
CHS Chemistry	CHS Latin: Prose
CHS Child Development with Preschool	CHS Leadership & Career Development
CHS Child Development with Preschool 2	CHS Managerial Accounting
CHS College Writing	CHS Physics/AP Physics C: Mechanics/Electricity and Magnetism
CHS Computer Information Systems	CHS Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry
CHS Diverse Voices in U.S. History	CHS Psychology/AP Psychology
CHS Economics	CHS Sociology
CHS Excel	CHS Speech
CHS Family Sociology	CHS Statistics
CHS Film Studies	CHS/AP U.S. Government & Politics
CHS Financial Accounting	CHS Video Production: Narrative Film
CHS Graphic Arts	CHS Video Production 2B: Broadcast News

All 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are registered for College in High School courses should check with their classroom teacher in the first week of school regarding deadline dates and application processes if interested in pursuing college credits. Click [HERE](#) for the College in High School (CHS) Registration Instructions hand-out located on the guidance website for a complete list of CHS courses, grade level requirements, GPA requirements and the college/university website links.

**Butler County Community College CHS Courses:** SV students interested to pursue BC3 credits and currently scheduled for Fall or full year courses, **must complete a paper BC3 application and turn it into their SV teacher in person or electronically.** The deadline to turn in the BC3 application to the SV classroom teacher is **Friday, September 8, 2023, by 3:00 pm.** You can access the 2023-2024 BC3 High School Programming Application here [2023-2024 BC3 APPLICATION](#). Students must fill out a separate application for **each** BC3 CHS course of interest and turn the application into their specific classroom teacher.

\*\*Students scheduled for BC3 courses 2<sup>nd</sup> semester will have a BC3 application deadline date of Thursday, February 1, 2024, by 3:00 pm.

**Robert Morris University CHS Courses:** SV students interested to pursue RMU credits and currently scheduled for Fall or full year, **must complete an online RMU application and inform their classroom teacher they registered.** The deadline for online registration is **Friday, September 15, 2023.** [RMU REGISTRATION LINK](#)

RMU CHS Hand-out: [RMU Dates to Remember](#)

***Application information and registration deadlines for ALL other CHS institutions will be communicated by the classroom teacher during the first weeks of school. All full-year course deadlines are early Fall deadlines.***



### **SchoolLinks is here!!**

SchoolLinks is a modern, college and career readiness platform to prepare students for what comes after graduation. SchoolLinks helps students discover their interests and strengths, explore colleges and careers, and create a personal graduation plan that best reflects their post-secondary goals. SchoolLinks at Seneca Valley is accessible in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades by students and their parents.

*The Class of 2024 onboarded last Spring and grades 7-11 will be guided through onboarding in the next few months by teachers, counselors, and administrators. Once students are onboarded, they can share a unique claim code for parents/guardians to log-in and create their own parent account.*

All of the SchoolLinks features are designed with students in mind to help them become career, college, and life ready. SchoolLinks features are incredibly user-friendly, and content can be easily comprehended by high school students.

### **Using SchoolLinks, high school students and parents can:**

- Access career interest, strength, and mindset surveys
- Explore 2-year and 4-year colleges
- Create course plans based on career pathways
- Take virtual reality college campus tours
- Search for scholarships
- Learn about financial aid
- Find internship and volunteer opportunities
- Explore traditional, emerging, and military career fields
- Create digital portfolios / resumes
- Communicate with counselors

### **Using SchoolLinks, 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to:**

- Track college applications and request transcripts

- Request Letters of Recommendation
- Visit webpage [HERE](#) to access instructions and guidelines in applying to colleges and requesting letters of recommendation using SchoolLinks whether you are using an institutional application, common application, or other applications.

### **Student Login:**

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>.

Visit our SHS guidance webpage for more information as we begin to add helpful SchoolLinks resources [HERE](#).

## **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** (Permission form is required. They are available in the guidance office. Deadline to return form is 09/22/23)

**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.

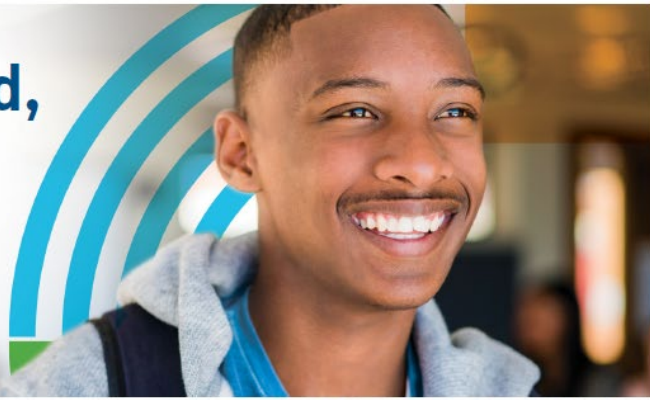
*Contact your school counselor with any questions.*

### **PartnerUp Program--SENIOR CLASS**

The PartnerUp Program is a "senior class" career readiness program led by PNC and a coalition of regional employers. The program prepares young talent for full-time careers directly after high school graduation. The program is an \*in-person delivery model that consists of 8 two-hour sessions during the school day and is scheduled throughout the school year. The goal is to prepare seniors for finding their strengths, assist with resume building and interviewing skills that result in an interview(s) with regional employers that may extend job offers before high school graduation.

# The path to a proud, successful future.

PartnerUp® helps you graduate from high school to a career where you can grow.



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For career-bound high school seniors, PartnerUp helps prepare you to fully embrace the job opportunities that await by building your resume, sharpening your interviewing techniques and developing the power skills that are in demand.



## Senior Workshops

Live, 2-hour employer-delivered sessions to help you develop the essentials, including:



A Career Foundation



Resume Basics



Your Strengths Story



Interview Skills



Professional Branding



Your Confidence for the Future



Power Skills

\*There is a minimum number of students that must sign up for the in-person program to be facilitated at SV and also seats are limited to one section of students. This program is based on a first come-first serve basis.

View the attached video [Future Jobs: PNC PartnerUp - YouTube](#) and visit the following website for more information about the program:

<https://careers.pnc.com/global/en/students-partnerup-program>

*Contact your school counselor or Darla Ramirez-Lightner with any questions and to obtain the registration link to sign up. Applications will have a deadline sometime in October.*

## **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](#).



## **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 beginning September 18<sup>th</sup>. 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>.

**We currently have 30+ representatives on the schedule.** 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.

## **Military Opt-Out Form - JUNIOR CLASS**

According to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and Act 10 of 1991, school districts are required to make available to the Armed Forces recruiters a list of high school students' addresses, home telephone and parent/guardian's cell phone numbers.

You may request that your Junior's name be removed prior to the release of the lists. If you wish to do so, please go to this link and complete: **MILITARY OPT OUT FORM** by Monday, October 2, 2023.

## **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***.

## **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**.