

# April Newsletter



## Important Dates

- **April 10: PSAT 10 (sophomores only)**
- April 26: SIU Day
- April 29 & 30: ACCUPLACER Exam for Dual Credit/Enrollment
- May 6: AP Testing begins
- May 7: John A. Logan Lunch Visit (good time to discuss Dual Credit/Enrollment with JALC)
- May 9: Last day of Credit Recovery
- **May 10: Deadline to submit a course request change**
- May 29 & 30: Finals
- May 31: Teacher Institute

## Upcoming Q4 Visit with Mrs. Antrim

Topics to be covered (meetings will start April 22):

- **Course Requests**: all changes must be submitted by MAY 10.
  - Students will receive a paper copy of their requests with important notes. Please ask your student to share their requests with you because these requests are what will be used to create their junior year schedule. Once schedules are finalized, there will be minimal movement/changes.
  - Students are required to take the following classes junior year:
    - English 3
    - Math
    - U.S. History
    - PE
    - Elective
      - A 3<sup>rd</sup> year of science is highly encouraged to keep postsecondary options open.
    - Elective
      - Students may want to consider Consumer Education: Adult Living or Personal Finance

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- (semester-only class; some students have already completed this requirement)
- Here are some things to think about when it comes to junior year scheduling:
  - Students' junior year transcripts are what's submitted to colleges/universities, so having coursework listed that balances rigor with success is important.
  - Taking courses that elevate curiosity & enhance interests.
  - Again... think about balance, consider everything your student is doing in and outside school (extracurricular, sports, clubs, work, competitions).
  - Junior year has a lot going on, so doing well and being well is of utmost importance!
- GRIT Scores (post-results). We will celebrate the progress students have made in growing their GRIT this year!
- Looking ahead: thoughts on how to make the most of the summer before junior year.

## Dual Credit / Enrollment Update

On Wednesday, April 3, students and parent/guardians received an email from Mrs. Sabens, our Dual Credit Coordinator, regarding Dual Credit / Enrollment.

Students who submit their Registration Forms by April 15 will be put on the list to test for the ACCUPLACER exam at CCHS. The ACCUPLACER exam is a necessary step in the enrollment process with JALC.

If your student is enrolling in a summer course, some classes do fill quickly and you may want to consider setting up a time to take the ACCUPLACER exam at JALC, rather than waiting for the April 29/30 CCHS testing dates.

Directions to sign up for testing on your own has been included in the April 3 email. If students test on their own, they must submit scores to myself or Mrs. Sabens immediately so that we can send over their registration form.

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## Good Reads & Resources

Parent Action Plan: 11th Grade

10th Graders Looking Ahead to Junior Year

Juniors: How to Make the Most of Your Summer

Get College Ready Planning Guide

US News: Must-Do Tasks for the Summer Before Every Year of High School

## Summer Job Opportunity: CES95

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Various maintenance projects throughout the district at all buildings locations. Other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicant must be between the ages of 16 – 18 years old, hold a valid Driver's License and currently reside in the Carbondale Elementary School #95 district boundaries.

**SALARY:** \$10.00 per hour

**WORK HOURS/DAYS:** 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday, June 4th through August 12th, 2019

***This is a very full work schedule and the expectations are high; applicants need to be prepared for physical labor, varied tasks and be able to get to work on time!***

If students have a completed application to the Counseling Office by 4/18, they will be delivered to the CES admin office on the morning of the 19th.

**Students, work hard to finish your sophomore year as your strongest yet!**