

COLLEGE & CAREER SPEAKER SERIES – The College Application Process –



9th-12th grade students and parents are invited to attend an in-person College & Career Speaker Series session on **Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 12:30-1:30 pm**. This event is scheduled in the **Senior High School Library** located on the 2nd floor.

Justin Vorbach from Penn State University will present on the overall college application process including types of applications (such as Common Application) and timelines, testing and test optional policies, essays/personal statements, and letters of recommendation when applying to colleges and universities. This event is not specific to PSU, rather it is a general overview of the college application process for many institutions.

Interested PARENTS register here: [PARENT RSVP](#)

Interested STUDENTS register in their SchoolLinks account under the **School Events** tab or contact your school counselor to sign up. Students must communicate their attendance for this event to their teacher.

PSAT/NMSQT Registration – Juniors & Sophomores

(Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

The 2024 PSAT will be administered in a digital format. Registered students will be required to attend a Digital Readiness Check during the school day approximately 1-2 weeks prior to the exam where they will complete exam setup and try a test preview.

Test Date/Location: **Saturday, October 26, 2024, in the Senior High School**

Registration: Complete registration and turn \$30.00 fee into the guidance office by **Friday, October 11, 2024**. A \$10.00 late fee will be applied after this date if space is available and the deadline date for late registration is Friday, October 18. Link to registration [HERE](#). **This can only be completed by using a Seneca Valley student email account.**

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/ for additional information.

2024-2025 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: Verse
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 Foundations of Special Education	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 10th-12th grade students who are registered for College in High School courses should check with their classroom teacher in the first days 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 in pursuing BC3 credits and currently scheduled for Fall or full year courses, **must** complete an **online BC3 application**, receive a ***BC3 student ID number**, complete a **course registration form**, and **turn it into their SV teacher** in person or electronically. **The deadline to complete the online BC3 application is Monday, September 9, 2024, and the deadline to complete the course registration is Wednesday, September 11, 2024.**

Visit the Guidance Webpage [College in High School Information & Pathways \(svsd.net\)](https://svsd.net) to access the online BC3 application link and instructions, and the course registration form that gets turned in to your classroom teacher.

*Students who pursued past BC3 courses should have a BC3 student ID number from the past and will need this to complete the course registration.

**Students scheduled for BC3 courses 2nd semester will have a BC3 application deadline date of Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

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 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 7th-12th grades by students and their parents.

Students 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, 12th graders will be able to:

- Track college applications and process 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 via the Clever URL

<https://app.schoollinks.com/dashboard> or finding the SchoolLinks icon on the resource page of their building.

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

SENIOR CLASS and COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Seniors are reminded to use SchoolLinks for transcript processing and teacher letters of recommendation through our 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 [SchoolLinks College Application Manager \(svsd.net\)](https://svsd.net)

2024 COLLEGE WAIVER WEEK – FREE College Applications



ATTENTION SENIORS: Seneca Valley's Waiver Week is scheduled the week of September 23rd – 27th! 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 for a time slot 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.schoolinks.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!

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



Kaleidoscope of Health Professional Opportunities !!!!

Robert Morris University is partnering with Seneca Valley and several other high schools with a virtual **Healthcare Professionals High School Mentoring Program** during the 2024-2025 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 and a kaleidoscope after participating in the field trip and five Zoom sessions. The healthcare sessions will be recorded and available to view to earn credit. The career professionals and RMU students will be different from previous years.

October 7, 2024 - FIELD TRIP to RMU – Kick-off Event (Permission form is required. They are available in the guidance office. Deadline to return form is TBD.)

November 19, 2024 - Health Services Administration

December 17, 2024 - Nursing

January 21, 2025 - Health Sciences

February 18, 2025 - Psychology

March 18, 2025 - Pre-Medicine

TBD 2025 – 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 (2ND FLOOR)— Bring your laptops, earbuds/headphones. CYBER STUDENTS can join at event time from home.
- THESE SESSIONS WILL BE RECORDED! Students who cannot attend day/time can request and view the taped version to get credit.

Contact your school counselor with any questions.

2024-2025 COLLEGE CHECKLISTS

All 9th-12th 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 [College-Bound Checklists \(svsd.net\)](https://svsd.net).

College Admissions Representatives –Visits



College Admission Representatives are meeting in-person with interested 10th-12th Seneca Valley students throughout the Fall season beginning September 9th. 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 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 1, 2024.

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 guidance website [Scholarships \(svsd.net\)](#) 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](#).

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



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