

## SENIORS: Getting Ready to File the 2025-2026 FAFSA?

**Join us for a virtual evening webinar TONIGHT!!!**



**Get Ready to File the FAFSA**

The 2025–26 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form will be available to the public on or before Dec. 1, 2024.

Seniors and their parent (s) can create their FSA ID accounts in anticipation of completing the FAFSA. 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.

Seneca will provide a **FAFSA (virtual) Completion Readiness Session** for parents and seniors today: **Wednesday, October 30, 2024, from 6:00-7:30 pm.** The parent and student signup is available on our guidance website or here <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/1c72c059-17c1-42a0-99af-901fbafe6514@4fbf871e-ff12-4b1a-b977-5dbc3a75478f>

## College & Career Speaker Series – Advanced Placement vs. College in High School Courses



**9th-11th grade students and parents** are invited to attend a College & Career Speaker Series session discussing the similarities and differences between AP and CHS or dual enrollment courses. This event is scheduled for **Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm** in the SHS Library. **Parent capacity is limited and will close due to parking on campus.**

Join SV counselors and a University of Pittsburgh CHS representative as they present and answer questions just in time for the 2024-2025 course registration process. The benefits of AP and CHS courses include:

- Increasing GPA
- Potentially assisting with gaining college credit while in high school
- Potentially assisting with less college debt and/or finish a college degree at a faster pace

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

Interested **STUDENTS** register in their SchoolLinks account <https://app.schoollinks.com/dashboard> under the **Events** tab. 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.

## **Graduation: Thursday, May 29, 2025**

**Graduation Orders -- Seniors:** Order your senior graduation announcements, accessories, and cap/gown/tassel unit. The cap/gown/tassel unit must be ordered through Jostens. A representative from Jostens will be at **SV on Thursday, December 5, 2024**, during lunches for graduation questions/ordering.

- The price of the cap & gown unit (which includes the TASSEL needed for graduation) is **\$25.00 + fee/tax = \$30.60 total**
- Grad Orders will be closed on January 15, 2025
- **Once orders close the Official Custom Designed School Announcements are no longer available to purchase**
- **Orders can be placed online, click [HERE](#) for Seneca Valley’s direct link**
- Cap & gown unit (which includes the TASSEL needed for graduation) are shipped to the school and are handed out during graduation practice in May
- Questions call Jostens at 724-553-5217

## **SAT Testing**

The **SAT’s** will be administered to **registered** students on **Saturday, November 2, 2024**, at Seneca Valley Senior High School. Students are to park or be dropped off in the **student parking lot (upper parking lot) and enter the building on the 2nd floor** of the senior high school. Students must bring “Admission Ticket, government issued photo ID or school year photo ID, two #2 pencils with erasers, and an approved calculator”. Students will not be admitted to the testing room without their **SAT Tickets and Photo IDs. PLEASE ENSURE THE COMPUTER YOU ARE TAKING YOUR TEST ON IS FULLY CHARGED BEFORE REPORTING ON TEST DAY. THERE IS NOT OUTLET CAPACITY FOR DEVICES TO BE CHARGED ON TEST DAY.**

Students are also advised to **leave cell phones in the car or at home** as the College Board’s policy is to **collect ALL CELL PHONES & WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY** in the testing room.

Students should arrive by 7:30 am and no later than 7:45am. The SAT exam should conclude by 11:30am.

## **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. 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 **2025 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, 2024 through October 31, 2024 – **\$105 per exam.**

**Late registration** – November 1, 2024 through November 9, 2024 – **\$135 per exam.**

\*\*Regular and late AP exams registrations that are not fully paid by Saturday, November 9, 2024 will be canceled and exams will not be ordered.

**Post-registration** – November 10, 2024 through March 7, 2025 – **\$180 per exam.**

Last possible date to order an exam (all late charges apply) – March 7, 2025.

\*\*Post-registrations that are not fully paid by Thursday, March 13, 2025 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**

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

- Students in a **traditional AP course** were provided a join code with directions for enrolling in the correct section of their AP classroom by their classroom teacher - 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.
- All students **must verify** they have entered the join code within their MyAP accounts for each test they plan to take, or an exam cannot be ordered for them.

## **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.

**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 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 RECORDED! 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 **SchooLinks** 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 **SchooLinks** 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***.

## **2024-2025 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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