

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE | FALL 2024

SAT, ACT

Registration information for the SAT and the ACT are available on-line at sat.org/register and actstudent.org. Although you were all required to take the SAT last spring, it is recommended that if you plan to go to college, you might consider taking another college entrance exam this fall. Many colleges now have Test Optional policies, but solid scores can help with admission into competitive schools and programs as well as with scholarship eligibility. The SAT will be offered at Jasper HS on Oct. 5; **register by Sept 20**. When you register be sure to state our high school code (150825) and be prepared to pay a fee of \$68.. Also, be sure to choose your top four colleges to receive scores, and take practice tests at Khanacademy.org.

MEETING WITH COLLEGE REPS

College representatives will be visiting our school during Period Zero. These dates will be on the daily bulletin and an announcement will be made to dismiss the day of the meeting. Attendance will be taken. You will also be invited to meet with college reps at the Southridge **College Fair** on September 24.

CAMPUS VISITS

Each senior will be allowed one school day to visit a college/university. The form you need to fill out is in your Senior Folder. It must be completed and turned in at least one day prior to your visit. If additional days are needed, your parents need to make arrangements with Mrs. Gutgsell. You are responsible for informing your teachers and making up missed work. Open House & Visitation dates are on college websites. Visit niche.com to find the school that fits you best.

JOB SHADOW DAY

A **Senior Job Shadow Day** is scheduled for Oct.9. To participate in this program, you must complete the Survey and Placement Form found in your Senior Folder. Brian Dodd, our Career Coach, can assist you with placements.

FREE JOB CERTIFICATIONS

Take advantage of free training in one of Indiana's high-demand job fields. Next Level Jobs provides Hoosiers tuition-free training through the Workforce Ready Grant. Explore free training programs at nextleveljobs.org

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

After your college search is narrowed to your top 2-3 schools, you are ready to apply for admission. I recommend completing this process by **Nov.1** since program entrance and scholarships are often on a first-come, first-serve basis. After you apply, you will need to create an account and order your transcript on parchment.com. Refer to the College Admission Application Process handout in your senior folder for more details on the process. Some schools waive application fees during College Go Week September 23-27.

FINANCIAL AID

All college-bound seniors are encouraged to complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This application for state and federal need-based financial aid is to be filed between Dec. and April. We will host a **Financial Aid Workshop** on the evening of **Nov. 20** for you and your parents. See the Financial Aid Overview handout in your Senior Folder for more details.

SCHOLARSHIPS

I will email you scholarship opportunities as I receive them. Also, in January, I will compile and distribute a packet of local scholarships. You can check these lists on the guidance link of our home page. March represents the peak of the scholarship application season; however, the Dubois County Community Foundation Scholarship (which includes the Lilly) is due Oct. 3. Computer scholarship searches are available on various websites (fastweb.com) if you wish to be more aggressive in your search.

SENIOR PORTFOLIOS

Start or update an Individual Student Profile and/or Resume this fall. Staff members may ask for a copy of it when writing a letter of recommendation for you. You can visit monster.com for resume writing and interviewing pointers. Volunteer and get involved in community activities to build your profile/resume.

NCAA

Want to play sports at a Div I or II school? Check requirements and register at eligibilitycenter.org