

Seniors: Instant College Decision Day at SV

For seniors (students only) who are still interested in applying to college and/or seeking other college bound options, there will be an **Instant College Decision Day tomorrow, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am**. The seven institutions attending include Butler County Community College (BC3), Indiana University of PA (IUP), PennWest (California, Clarion & Edinboro University of PA), Robert Morris University (RMU), Slippery Rock University of PA (SRU), University of Toledo, and the University of Pittsburgh – Bradford Campus. These institutions will be present to **WAIVE APP FEES** (if applicable) and **deliver INSTANT ADMISSION DECISIONS**. If you would like to discuss these college bound options, please contact your school counselor. Seniors can apply to one or all if interested. Seniors should sign-up [HERE](#) or through the QR code on the flyer below.



SV College & Career Speaker Series – Thursday, February 6th - 12:30-1:30 pm



9th-11th grade students and parents are invited to attend a College & Career Speaker Series session on **Thursday, February 6, 2025, from 12:30-1:30 pm**. The session will be held in the senior high school library on the 2nd floor. Please join Goldstein Test Prep founder **Mike Goldstein** to discuss the following topics:

- SAT changes
- ACT changes
- Major differences between the two exams
- The importance of test scores in different admissions policies, including score optional admissions
- Determining whether the SAT or ACT is best for your student

The program will include a Q&A session in which participants can ask any questions.

PARENTS RSVP HERE: <https://forms.office.com/r/rzkevxAz6d>

STUDENTS MUST REGISTER IN THEIR SCHOOLINKS ACCOUNT. They can find the registration under the "School Events" Tab at the top of their Dashboard.

If you have any questions, please contact your school counselor.

Seniors – Scholarships



Students can 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 website **HERE** and be sure to download the ***SV Guide to Scholarships & Grants***.

Ruth Varner Otto Memorial Scholarship – (Coming Soon!)

- The RVO can be accessed by joining on TEAMS with a **join code that will be released Monday, February 3, 2025**. The RVO TEAMS icon is below:



Ruth Varner Otto Memorial
Scholarship (RVO)

- The Ruth Varner Otto (RVO) Memorial Scholarship is for seniors planning to attend a post-secondary school next fall. Scholarship applications will be available on TEAMS with instructions and mailing information. To apply for the Ruth Varner Otto Memorial Scholarship, verification of the Student Aid Index (SAI) must be included from a completed Free Application

for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). That information can be accessed from the FAFSA Submission Summary.

Additionally, students return the completed RVO application (MUST BE IN THE ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE not just postmarked) by Tuesday, **March 18, 2025**, to the address provided on the instruction letter in TEAMS.

SV Senior Scholarships – (Coming Soon!)

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SV Senior Scholarships

- The **SV Senior Scholarships** (approximately 35) focus on areas such as community service, leadership, career focus, attendance, level of education pursuing and financial need. The completed SV Senior Scholarship application and other materials such as essays are to be uploaded on TEAMS by **Monday, March 3, 2025, no later than 11 pm**. All scholarship application and essays must be completed in TEAMS. Paper copies will not be accepted.

Sophomores -- Sign up for the PreACT Today!

The Intermediate High School will be administering the PreACT to sophomores on Saturday, March 29th. Taking this test is a good way for students to prepare for the ACT, an admissions exam accepted at most colleges and universities. The PreACT lets students know academic strengths, career interests, and how well they are prepared for colleges they may be interested in attending.

By becoming familiar with the math, English, reading, and science sections of the PreACT, students typically score higher on the ACT, which can enhance admissions and scholarship opportunities. In addition, the PreACT highlights student strengths and weaknesses by providing personalized feedback on academic skills and post-secondary planning.

Visit www.act.org for practice questions and additional information. If your child is interested in taking the PreACT, please complete registration form linked to our website [HERE](#) and return it with payment to the IHS Guidance Office no later than Wednesday, March 26th. Please contact the Guidance Office at 724-452-6042 ext. 2065 for more information.

FAFSA UPDATE for CLASS OF 2025:

ATTENTION: The 2025-26 FAFSA IS OPEN! In anticipation of completing the FAFSA, students and parents can each create their own Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID) now by visiting www.StudentAid.gov/fsa-id. It is recommended that you allow 4 days to create your FSA account before access to complete the FAFSA.

Please access the following link **FAFSA UPDATE** which provides information regarding the completion and helpful resources and videos/webinars.

2024-2025 2nd Semester (only) College in High School Courses (CHS):


All 10th-12th grade students who are scheduled for the following **half credit (0.5)** College in High School courses should check with their classroom teacher in the first week of the 2nd SEMESTER regarding deadline dates and/or applications if interested in pursuing college in high school credits. All requirements, applications, and deadline dates are communicated and processed through Seneca Valley teachers and **vary by institution**. Seneca Valley offers over 35 courses through different colleges/universities including the University of Pittsburgh, Carlow University, Point Park University, Robert Morris University, La Roche University, and Butler County Community College. Click here for the **current 2024-2025 [CHS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS](#)** for a complete list of the current school year's CHS courses and the college/university website links to seek more information.

2nd Semester CHS Courses

- CHS Business Law
- CHS Business Management
- CHS Economics
- CHS Film Studies
- CHS Human Geography
- CHS Integrated Journalism & Communication
- CHS Introduction to Philosophy
- CHS Sociology
- CHS Speech
- CHS Narrative Film Production

9th & 10th Grade Students: Signup for the Butler Memorial Hospital Career Day

Are you considering a career in the healthcare field? Sign up to take a career trek to **IHS Butler Memorial Hospital on Friday, February 21st**. Students will leave SV during first period and return to SV by 9th period. The day includes meeting with hospital staff, taking a tour, and be guided through stations designed to demonstrate areas of their career. Career areas include Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Imaging, IT, EMS, and Surgical Tech. **Students must sign up in the IHS guidance office and receive a field trip permission form.** **Seats are limited.** A seat is reserved for a student once the completed permission form is returned to the guidance office.




High School Career Day

IHS Butler Memorial Hospital Tower Rooms
February 21, 2025
9am to 1pm

Students are invited to take part in our annual Career Day. Students will be guided through stations designed by hospital staff to demonstrate areas of their career. Students are encouraged to participate in station demonstrations and to take advantage of the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

Touring Stations:
*Nursing/Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy/Speech Therapy/
Imaging/IT/EMS/Surgical Tech*



Hope to see you there!

9th-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.

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 (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.

Advanced Placement Exam Registration

AP Exams will be held at Seneca Valley from May 5th through May 16th. Students are still able to sign up for an exam. Registration is completed online – we strongly recommend that both parent and student complete the registration together to ensure that all required information is provided and the payment is processed correctly.

The registration site can be accessed the following ways:

- the direct web address: [HERE](#)
- the **Total Registration** icon on the senior high guidance webpage (select **Testing** then choose **AP**)
- the **AP Registration** link in “*site shortcuts*” on the senior high webpage.

The last possible date to order an exam is March 7, 2025.

Students who wish to drop an exam they already ordered can do this by selecting the cancellation link in their Total Registration account. Cancellation requests received by March 7, 2025, are entitled to a refund of the exam fee minus a **\$50 per exam** processing charge – late fees are non-refundable. No refund will be provided for cancellations submitted after this date.

Attention: Student Athletes interested in NCAA Division 1 & 2 Athletics

Seniors: If you are interested in NCAA Division 1 & 2 athletics, are you registered with NCAA? Have you reviewed your 16 core courses for eligibility? Not all SV Math and Science courses are NCAA approved core courses. Contact your school counselor as soon as possible to review eligibility and ask any questions you may have about this process. Visit the NCAA website for more information.
<https://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/core-courses>

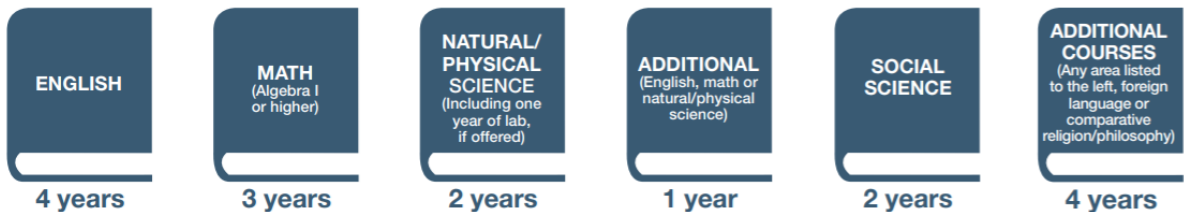
9th, 10th & 11th Grade Students: Course registration for the 2025-2026 school year is complete, however, you can contact your school counselor to discuss NCAA and eligibility with the 16 core courses. The NCAA recommends scheduling 4 X 4 core courses 9th through 12th grade to meet the 16 core courses.

CORE COURSES

Only courses that appear on your high school's list of NCAA core courses will count toward the 16 core-course requirement; visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

DIVISION I

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.

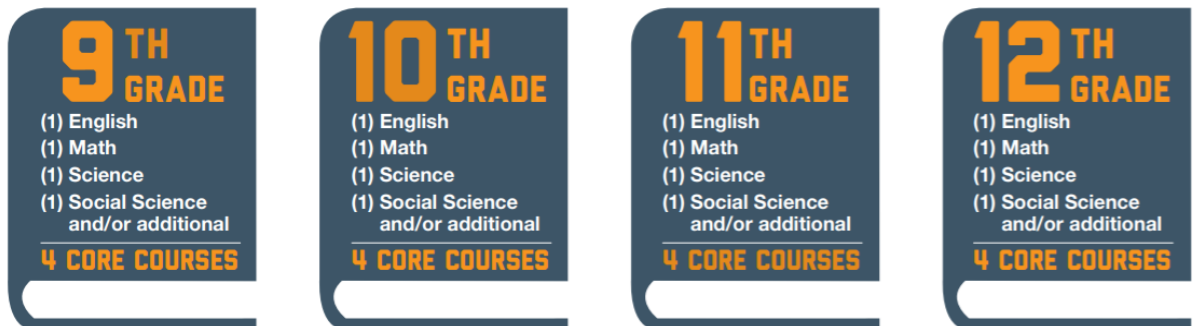


DIVISION II



How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$



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 [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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