

Jump Start Information Night (PHEAA Financial Aid Program)

JUMP START FINANCIAL AID PLANNING NIGHT

PHEAA

- **Thursday, MARCH 6th**
- **6:00-7:30 PM**
- **SENIOR HIGH AUDITORIUM**

GRADES 9th-11th
Parents & Students
No Registration required!



Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025

Location: Senior High School Auditorium

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

All 9th, 10th and 11th grade students and parents are invited to a Jump Start Information Night on the financial aid process. A representative from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) will present on understanding higher education costs, applying for scholarships and financial aid, and the timeline of the financial aid process.

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.

SV Senior Scholarships



- The SV Senior Scholarships were announced to our senior class on February 3, 2025. The deadline is approaching fast. Scholarships can be accessed by joining on TEAMS with a join code that was posted on the Senior Teams page. The SV Senior Scholarship icon is below:



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- 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, at 11 pm**. No paper application submissions will be accepted.

Ruth Varner Otto Memorial Scholarship – Available now!

- The RVO can be accessed by joining on TEAMS with a join code that was posted on the Senior Teams page. 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. 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.

Seniors – Other 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**.



11th & 12th Grade Students: Signup to tour Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics and Rosedale Technical Institute

If you are interested in touring these two institutions during the school day, sign up below with scan code or link <https://forms.office.com/r/GS2H1AVSyG> and pick up a field trip form from the Guidance Office. **Lunch is included with this career trek!** **A completed field trip form returned to the Guidance office will reserve your seat—registration will close!!** See your counselor with any questions!

SV CAREER TREK TOUR
PGH. INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS & ROSEDALE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

PIA
ROSEDALE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

SCHOOL BUS

TWO TOURS - ONE DAY
THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Sign up here and pick up a field trip form in the Guidance Office

Rosedale's Programs:

- [Automotive](#)
- [Collision Repair](#)
- [Diesel](#)
- [HVAC](#)

- [Truck Driving](#)
- [Welding](#)
- [Carpentry](#)
- [Construction Electricity](#)
- [Industrial Electricity](#)

PIA's Programs:

- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Aviation Electronics Technology

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.

SAT TESTING ANNOUNCEMENT

The **SAT's** will be administered to **registered** students on Saturday, **March 8, 2025**, 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.

SAT or AP Tester – Download Bluebook:

Students who will be taking the SAT test or the AP test will need to download Bluebook. If you are using a Seneca Valley issued computer, you can download this program by clicking Start – Install Software – Software Center. Once the Software Center opens, type "Blue" in the search box which is in the top right corner. Click on the College Board Bluebook App and then click Install.

If you are not using an SV issued laptop, make sure your device meets the requirements. Then you can download the software here:

<https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/students/download-bluebook>

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.

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.

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Advanced Placement Exams

AP Exams will be administered at Seneca Valley from May 5th through May 16th. Students will receive their exam schedule (exam date, time, and location) by the end of April. This message will be sent to the email address used when registering their Total Registration account.

The last possible date to order an exam is March 7, 2025. No exam will be ordered after this time. 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.

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.

****SV COLLEGE & CAREER SCHOOL FAIR ****

THURSDAY, APRIL 24th



10th & 11th Grade Students and interested Seniors will have an opportunity to attend our fair on Thursday, April 24, 2025, during the lunch periods.

The **College & Career School Fair** runs from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on Thursday, April 24, 2025, in the senior high school gymnasium. Approximately 60-70 school representatives/institutions will be in attendance from state universities, private colleges, community colleges, technical, beauty, nursing, art, business schools and military recruiters. 10th, 11th and interested 12th grade students will be able to attend the fair over assigned lunch periods. Parents are also welcome to attend during the fair hours. There will be more information about this upcoming event in April with a list of registered representatives posted on the guidance website **HERE**.

****SIGNUP W/STRIVESCAN for the Fair:** Students can sign-up now and receive a barcode to share contactless information w/participating fair representatives of interest during the fair courtesy of our STRIVESCAN PARTNER **<https://www.strivescan.com/>**.

****Sign-up for a barcode NOW in advance of the fair USING A PERSONAL EMAIL (Use a personal email designed for college correspondence & college applications–DO NOT USE YOUR SV EMAIL):**

REGISTER FOR YOUR BARCODE

1. ON YOUR PHONE, GO TO:
WWW.STRIVEFAIR.COM
or

SNAPCHAT
Press and hold down

CAMERA
Scan with your camera app
2. FILL OUT A SHORT REGISTRATION FORM TO GET YOUR BARCODE
3. SCAN YOUR BARCODE WITH COLLEGES TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION

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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