

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 11, 2025, 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 2026-2027 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 to finish a college degree at a faster pace

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

Interested **STUDENTS** register in their SchoolLinks account under the **Events** tab. Students must communicate their attendance for this event to their teacher.

Transcripts

Attention students: If you need transcripts sent before winter break, your requests must be submitted in SchoolLinks no later than December 15th by 3:00 PM. The Guidance Department will process requests received by this deadline but cannot guarantee completion for any submitted after this date.

REMINDER FOR SENIORS: 2026-27 FAFSA Form OPEN

2026–27 FAFSA® Form Now Available!

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

Start a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form

Start New Form

Edit a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form

Edit Existing Forms



The 2026–27 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form is **open** to complete. Visit the following website for more information about and how to prepare for the 2026-27 form **FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid**

HERE IS A FAFSA COMPLETION VIDEO FOR REFERENCE:

https://youtu.be/BZpNds_KBEo

Juniors: SAT and ACT Testing

Do you have a testing plan for college admissions?

Spring of the Junior year is most important for college admissions testing. Check for upcoming test/registration dates to meet testing registration deadlines. Visit our Testing page on the Guidance website for details **HERE**.

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



HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS HIGH SCHOOL MENTORING PROGRAM

Future Ready: Building the Healthcare Workforce for Tomorrow!

Come join the journey to learn about different healthcare professions such as health administration, nursing, health science, psychology and pre-medicine! The Goal of the program is to enlighten and educate high school students about different career opportunities available in the healthcare industry

Seneca Valley hosts monthly RMU Zoom meetings held November 2025 -- April 2026

Sessions are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month from 11:30-12:30pm

- **December 9, 2025**, 11:30am-12:30pm: **Nursing**
- **January 13, 2026**, 11:30am-12:30pm: **Health Science- Physical Therapy**
- **February 10, 2026**, 11:30am-12:30pm: **Physician's Assistant**
- **March 10, 2026**, 11:30am-12:30pm: **Psychology**
- **April 14, 2026**, 11:30am-12:30pm: **Pre-med**

Students completing the program will be presented with an RMU certificate and Healthcare Heart!

Students register by the following 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.

Graduation: Thursday, May 28, 2026

Graduation Orders -- Seniors: Order your senior graduation announcements, accessories, and cap/gown/tassel unit. The cap/gown/tassel unit must be ordered through Jostens. 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.

Two ways to order cap & gown unit. **Mail Order and SAVE \$\$\$.**

- **Mail Order:** Click **HERE** for order form
 - Cap & gown unit (which includes the TASSEL needed for graduation) is **\$29.50 + tax = \$31.27 total**
 - **Mail form/payment: Jostens – PO Box 778 – Warrendale, PA 15095**

- **Online Order:** Click **HERE** for Seneca Valley's direct link
 - Cap & gown unit (which includes the TASSEL needed for graduation) is **\$29.50 + fee/tax = \$37.37 total**
 - Grad Orders will be closed on January 15, 2026
 - **Once orders close the Official Custom Designed School Announcements are no longer available to purchase**

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 2026-2027 school year is fast approaching. Schedule an appointment with 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.

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

DIVISION II

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

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

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

9TH GRADE (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional 4 CORE COURSES	10TH GRADE (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional 4 CORE COURSES	11TH GRADE (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional 4 CORE COURSES	12TH GRADE (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional 4 CORE COURSES
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Advanced Placement Exam Registration



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 and indicate that they will be taking the exam. 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 **2026 AP exams** are ordered online through **Total Registration** – access the site the following ways:

- Direct web address: 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, 2025 through October 31, 2025 – **\$105 per exam.**

Late registration – November 1, 2025 through November 9, 2025 – **\$135 per exam.**

**Regular and late AP exams registrations that are not fully paid by Sunday, November 9, 2025 will be canceled and exams will not be ordered.

Post-registration – November 10, 2025 through March 6, 2026 – **\$180 per exam.**

Last possible date to order an exam (all late charges apply) – March 6, 2026.

**Post-registrations that are not fully paid by Thursday, March 12, 2026 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 to Indicate Testing Preference

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.
- Students who already used a join code to register into an AP classroom only need to verify their testing preference after completing the Total Registration exam order in Step 1.

Seniors - SAVE THE DATE: Instant College Decision Day at SV

For seniors who are still interested in applying to college and/or seeking other college bound options, there will be an **Instant College Decision Day** on **Thursday, January 29th, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am**. The eight 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, Penn State Beaver, 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 they are interested. **Sign-ups will be coming soon!**

Senior Class and College Applications

Seniors are reminded to request all transcripts 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 **HERE**.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Access **SchoolLinks** and go to the College Tab and then click **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***.

2025-2026 College Checklists

All 9-12th grade students can now access a planning calendar for SV College & Career events and timelines for meeting college planning goals on the Guidance website. Access these grade level checklists **HERE**.

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



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