Good afternoon! This week, you will find information on many topics including in-school activities, including a sign up for juniors interested in attending the Pittsburgh College Fair in January, a field trip and application information for freshman and sophomores interested in AW Beattie; several NEW scholarship opportunities; testing information for both SAT and ACT; a testing prep opportunities; several out of school opportunities, and summer experiences.

In School Activities

Pittsburgh NACAC College Fair
Wednesday, January 28th, 2025
9:15am - 1:30pm
Lunch on site!
You MUST complete the registration link below to attend this fair.
Registrations Due NO LATER than Friday, January 17th, 2026; Parent Permission Forms Due NO LATER than Friday, January 23rd, 2026.
Registration Link - you MUST register to attend
Parent Permission Form - these will also be distributed in class and available in the counseling office

AW Beattie Application, Field Trip and Application Night
The AW Beattie Application is now open.
AW Application Information Link as and Website
AW Beattie Website
Important Dates:
Field Trip - January 22, 2026 - 11:30am - 2 (be sure to select up to four ranked programs of interest on the back of the permission) - parent permission form
Application Night - February 10, 2026, 6:30pm - 8:00pm - meet with a representative from AW Beattie and get assistance with your application.
Open House - Thursday, March 5th - 5:30pm - 8:00pm. AW Beattie is holding an open house - come and see the many programs and opportunities available at AW Beattie - Open House Flyer
See Dr. Maloney or Mrs. Levis with any questions.

Scholarships

Scholarships are updated in Xello under College Planning, then scholarships. Also, all GoingMerry scholarships are listed on the Avonworth High School Counseling website: https://ahs.avonworth.k12.pa.us/counseling-office

Going Merry January Scholarships

Attached is a Google Sheet with a long list of scholarships that are due in January 2026. Go to goingmerry.com to make an account and start applying for scholarships.
Link to Google Sheet

Robert "Tick" Cloherty - Western Chapter Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame THE DALE L. HAMER SCHOLARSHIP
Award Amount: $2,000 (one-time, Male Applicant)
Award Amount: $2,000 (one-time, Female Applicant)
This fund provides for a monetary award that is designed to be used to help defray expenses incurred by students attending any college, trade school, or technical school. Two annual awards will be granted to deserving students based on the fulfillment of the criteria detailed in the link. One for a male student and one for a female student.
Information Link

Bert Cameron Memorial Scholarship - Kades Margolis
Graduating High School Seniors having at least one parent who is a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) WESTERN REGION planning to pursue a career in Pennsylvania Public Education encouraged to apply.*
Due Date: February 10, 2026
Information Flyer

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services DREAM-INNOVATE-GROW College Scholarship application link: https://www.thepreferredrealty.com/scholarship/
Please note that all applications are due before Monday, March 2, 2026 at 3pm.
Application Link
Seniors planning to attend college or trade school

Berkshire Hathaway Scholarship Webinar
Added bonus, here is a recorded zoom link from a scholarship webinar. Many of the local school districts have added this video to their school and/or counselor websites, as it contains various best practices, look-fors, and other factors to consider when completing any scholarship application (not just ours) as seen through a developer/reader's lens.
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/oFUog1s5gaVfaMU5zjNTrRU2-LRaMuUbS8-aV-d9mW70g20spYbd3x_9acDtb21g.fHFkgXCQQEVZpzzD?startTime=1639526406000

TribLIVE scholarship program

The Jim Borden Memorial Scholarship is open to students currently attending or planning to attend a four-year college or university with a major in Journalism, English Writing or Communication with financial assistance of
up to $7500 per year for up to four years.

The Scholarship for Diversity in Media will award a
student who is
culturally, ethnically or racially diverse and attending or planning to attend a four-year college or university with a major in Journalism, Communication, or English Writing with financial assistance of
up to $7500 per year for up to four years.

The Business, Marketing and Technology Scholarship is open to students currently attending or planning to attend a four-year college or university with a major in Business, Marketing, Computer Science, or Information Technology with financial assistance of
up to $7500 per year for up to four years.

All 3 scholarships require an annual internship with Trib Total Media for up to 4 years and, upon graduation, include an
offer for full-time employment.
Deadline to apply is January 16, 2026.

CIEE Study Abroad Scholarship
Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime. The CIEE team is getting ready to award more than $7 million in Global Navigator Scholarships to U.S. high school students based on academic merit and financial need.
Information Link
Due: January 21, 2026

Pittsburgh Job Corp Sponsorship
The Pittsburgh Job Corps is able to sponsor income/PELL Grant eligible students (age 17-24) to attend CCAC. Students are able to live at home and attend the CCAC campus of their choice. Benefits include:
Tuition Assistance/Books & Supplies (cost not covered by PELL grant is paid by Job Corps)
Bus Pass Gas Card ($100 per month for fuel)
Monthly Stipend ($90-140 per month)
Clothing Allowance - $225
Completion Bonus - $600

Vision Plan, Driver's Ed
There are no future obligations. Over 50 areas of study are sponsored. Program information is attached. For more information please contact:

Josh Comer
Job Corps Recruiter
412 583 1777
Comer.Josh@jobcorps.org
Bob Chunta
Job Corps Recruiter
412 583 1777
Chunta.Robert@jobcorps.org
Informational Flyer
Requirements
Benefit Summary Outline

Testing

Juniors - What's your testing plan?

Step-by-Step SAT Registration:

- Go to the Official SAT Website:
  https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/dates-deadlines
- Create a College Board Account:
  If you don't already have one, click "Sign Up." Use your legal name and accurate information—it must match your ID. Use a personal email, DO NOT use your Lopes email. You most likely created a college board account when you viewed your PSAT scores. Use that same account.
- Start Your Registration:
  Once logged in, click "Register for the SAT" and follow the prompts.
- Choose Your Test Date and Location:
  - Pick from available dates and nearby test centers.
  - Be sure to choose a location that works for you!
- Upload a Photo:
  You'll need a clear headshot (similar to a school photo). Make sure it meets the College Board's photo requirements.
- Pay the Registration Fee:
  - The SAT costs $60 (as of 2025).
  - Fee waivers are available for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch—ask your School Counselor!
- Print Your Admission Ticket:
  After registration, print your admission ticket and keep it safe—you'll need it on test day!

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
March 14, 2026	Feb. 27, 2026	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	Apr. 17, 2026	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026

Step-by-Step ACT Registration Guide:

- Go to the Official ACT Website:
  www.act.org
- Create an ACT Web Account:
  - Click "Register for the ACT" and then “Create Account” if you’re new. Be sure to use a personal email and NOT your Lopes email. Use your legal name and accurate personal info—this must match your photo ID.
- Begin the Registration Process:
  Follow the step-by-step prompts to complete your personal info, academic background, and college interests.
- Choose Your Test Date and Center:
  - Select from upcoming test dates and nearby test centers.
  - Register early to get your preferred location!
- Decide If You Want the ACT With Writing:
  - The Writing section is optional—but some colleges require it, so double-check their admissions requirements.
- Upload a Photo:
  You’ll need a clear photo of yourself that meets ACT guidelines (headshot, no filters, plain background).
- Pay the Registration Fee:
  - ACT (no writing): $68.00
  - ACT with writing: $93.00
  - Fee waivers are available—see your School Counselor if you qualify for free/reduced lunch or need financial help.
- Print Your Admission Ticket:
  After registering, print and save your admission ticket—you must bring it on test day!

- Upcoming Deadlines & ACT Dates:
  Check act.org regularly—registration deadlines are usually about a month before the test date.
- Register here for ACT dates.

Test Prep Information

SAT Boot Camp

SAT Boot Camp will get you feeling confident and prepared to take the SAT!
For students from ANY school district, SAT Boot Camp is a 5-hour intensive workshop focused on test taking and time-management, grammar, usage, math, and critical reading skills and strategies. Students will partake in practice drills with actual test questions and keep all review materials. This is a great opportunity, whether you are just getting started in SAT preparation or if you want a final boost of confidence before taking the SAT this spring!
Registration forms can be accessed at:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mHiAQ5GlnEMQR8iqP5_ikle26gCX-SF_/view?usp=sharing
SAT Boot Camp will be held at Fox Chapel Area High School on Sunday, March 1st from noon-5pm.
Questions can be directed to Lisa_Gibson@fcasd.edu
Information Link

SAT Prep Course - PSU Beaver

Penn State's SAT prep course teaches you techniques and strategies to help you do your best on the newly designed digital exam. By investing in SAT practice, you're making a commitment to your college, career, and life success.
Experienced instructors will guide students through:

- Effective tips and strategies for each SAT section, including Reading and Writing, Language, and Math.
- Practice with official SAT exams that simulate real test conditions to help measure improvement.
- Weighing the pros and cons of guessing on questions.
- Techniques to save time and answer questions more quickly and accurately.
- Understanding the SAT scoring system and learning how to calculate scores.
- Using online tools and practice problems from Khan Academy® and Bluebook to boost skills and confidence.

January Start

- Dates: Saturdays, January 24, 2026 - February 28, 2026 (Snow Day March 7, 2026)
- Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Cost: $329 textbook included
- Location: Penn State Beaver
- National Test Date: March 14, 2026 - must register separately and not included in price of prep course.
- Spring SAT Registration

March Start

- Dates: Saturdays, March 21, 2026 - April 25, 2026
- Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Cost: $329 textbook included
- Location: Penn State Beaver
- National Test Date: May 2, 2026 - must register separately and not included in price of prep course.
- Spring SAT Registration

April Start

- Dates: Saturdays, April 25, 2026 - May 30, 2026
- Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Cost: $329 textbook included
- Location: Penn State Beaver
- National Test Date: June 6, 2026 - must register separately and not included in price of prep course.
- Spring SAT Registration

*Exam Info

Registration for the National SAT exam is not included in the SAT Review Course. You must register for the exam at the College Board website through the link below.

- Register for the National SAT Exam

Information Flyer

Out of School Opportunities

Pittsburgh NACAC College Fair

Wednesday, January 28th, 2025

6:00pm - 8:15pm

Parents and students can attend this fair together in the evening.

Information and Registration Link

High School Engineering Day - University of Pittsburgh SWE (Society of Women Engineers)

During this event, we're aiming to introduce high school students to some of our favorite things about engineering with Pitt! We will be having tours, activities, panelists, and more for your students to be as thrilled as we are about engineering. Your students will get the opportunity to hear from some of our different engineering clubs, with focuses in

space, biomedical technology, infrastructure (including a concrete canoe), and more! We hope to assist your students in learning more about different kinds of engineering and in feeling confident in their futures in STEM!
We also know how valuable it is for parents to learn about engineering for their students. So, we will be hosting an informational parent program happening in conjunction with the transition from high school to college, and how it relates to engineering, which will include a tour and presentation about the first year engineering program.
This event will be held on January 24th, from 9 am to noon in Benedum Hall, 3700 O'Hara Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.
Please see the attached Eventbrite for more details and the opportunity to have your students register!
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/high-school-engineering-day-spring-2026-tickets-1979471529631?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl

PA Joint Laborers Joint Apprenticeship and Laborers Program
Applications can be completed online at palabortraining.org or downloaded and mailed to: Pennsylvania Laborers' Training Center, 317 Deer Creek Rd, Saxonburg, PA 16056
Information Link
Seniors who will be 18 by May 2026

College Health and Biomedical Sciences Summer Program - Lebanon Valley
The Lebanon Valley College Health and Biomedical Sciences Summer Program, which will be held at Lebanon Valley College from July 27-August 1, 2026!
The registration portaHealth Biomedical Sciences Campl for the camp is now open and can be found at the Camp website (Health and Biomedical Sciences Summer Program). Because space is limited, and we anticipate the program will fill quickly, we recommend that students submit their registration as soon as possible to secure a slot.
The goal of the Health and Biomedical Sciences Summer Program is to provide a window into the scientific basis of human health. Through lectures and hands-on laboratory investigations in state-of-the-art laboratories, students will be introduced to the fundamentals of disciplines such as molecular biology, neuroscience, physiology, pharmacology, immunology, and other medical sciences. Students will learn how laboratory science can be translated into improved human health, and they will engage in investigative experiences that will allow them to apply their laboratory skills to real life problems. In addition, students will interact with practicing professionals in fields such as medicine, physician assistant, physical therapy, health psychology, toxicology, and biomedical laboratory research. The Health and Biomedical Sciences camp will provide a fun, challenging and engaging college environment in which students will develop a

deeper understanding of what it means to be a biomedical scientist and health professional.
A flyer is attached, should you wish to post the camp information at your school. For more information, or if you or your students have questions about the camp, you can visit the Health and Biomedical Sciences website (http://www.lvc.edu/academics/summer-community-programming/health-biomedical-sciences-camp/) or contact Dr. Courtney Lappas at lappas@lvc.edu.
Information Flyer
High School freshmen-graduating seniors

Summer Opportunities
University of Rochester Pre-College Programs
When students participate, they can expect more than just an unforgettable summer learning experience. They'll join other high-achieving high school students from around the globe on our riverside campus in Upstate New York. With over 20 programs to select from, spanning fields like medicine, business, engineering, and beyond, URochester Pre-College Programs help students discover what's possible.
Information Link
Applications Due: February 28, 2026

Carnegie Mellon Pre-College Programs
Carnegie Mellon's Pre-College Programs is designed to provide you with rigorous academic instruction that expands your knowledge and fuels your interests, helping you establish a clearer sense of direction for your future college journey.
Join Virtual Q&A Open Hours
Do you have questions about a program? We invite you to join our virtual Q&A open hours to chat directly with our team. These are flexible, drop-in sessions with no formal presentation - stay for the whole session or pop in for a few minutes as your schedule allows.
Upcoming Sessions:
Writing & Culture: January 8, 6:00pm to 7:00pm EST - Zoom link
Drama: January 13, 4:00pm to 5:30pm EST - Zoom link
Global Cultures and Emerging Technology: January 14, 6:30pm to 7:30pm EST - Zoom link
Leadership Development: January 16, 4:00pm to 5:30pm EST - Zoom link
Important Application Deadlines:
The application is currently open, and we encourage you to take note of these two critical dates:
Early Deadline: February 1, 11:59pm EST

- This deadline is required for scholarship consideration, as well as for AI Scholars, CS Scholars, Summer Academy for Math and Science (SAMS), and all international applicants.

Final Deadline: March 1, 11:59pm EST

- This deadline applies to all other applications.

Eligibility Requirements:

To apply, students must be 16 years of age by June 20, 2026, and should be a current sophomore or junior in high school (this excludes Music Part-time Commuters).

Next Steps:

If you want to learn more, you can watch recorded program presentations, submit a question on our Q&A Forums, or learn more about the application process.

University of Notre Dame - Study Abroad

Study Abroad Italy

Program Date: June 6 - 20, 2026

For two weeks, the city of Rome is our classroom as students explore iconic cultural landmarks. Local scholars will guide students through the amazing architecture, art history, and anthropological studies only Italy can provide!

Study Abroad London

Program Date: July 5 - 19, 2026

Students explore one of the world's oldest and greatest cities, renowned for its distinct literature, acclaimed theater, iconic architecture, and thriving financial district. They experience London's fascinating history and culture by visiting its many historical buildings, museums, and diverse neighborhoods.

Study Abroad Ireland

Program Date: July 18 - August 2, 2026

Students embark on a journey through Irish culture and history as they explore bustling Dublin and the beautiful countryside of Connemara. Students hike through Glendalough, complete a bog challenge, and trek through the hills of Ireland as they learn from renowned scholars.

Study Abroad South Africa

Program Date: July 18 - August 2, 2026

Students examine South Africa's turbulent history through cultural excursions in Johannesburg, Soweto, and Cape Town. Then, they delve into topics around conservation by visiting an elephant sanctuary, hiking in Tsitsikamma National Park, and going on safari in Kruger.

Brown University - Pre-College Programs

The Brown Pre-College Summer 2026 application opens Wednesday, January 14! Explore programs for high school students. You can choose to study on campus, online or at a variety of domestic and international locations.

Information and Application Link

Brown University information Sessions - check this link out to participate in virtual information sessions regarding summer program opportunities.
Information Link

Boston University - Pre-College Programs
Below is a summary of summer 2026 program offerings. All applications for summer 2026 programs are now open:

- Summer Challenge (2 weeks) offers a choice of 19 non-credit seminars for rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors who wish to explore their academic interests and college life.
- Academic Immersion (AIM) (3 weeks) gives rising juniors and seniors a chance to focus intensively on psychology, medicine, creative writing, or business.
- High School Honors (6 or 7 weeks) allows academically motivated rising juniors and seniors to take BU college courses and earn up to 8 credits.
- Research in Science & Engineering (6 weeks) allows rising, domestic seniors the opportunity to conduct University level research.

Please check the website for more information, including application requirements, important dates, and more!
Brochure

Luminari - Camp Delicious
A Mouth Watering Camp to inspire budding culinary artists.
Dates: June 22-26, 2026
Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Target Audience: Rising 8th – 12th graders
Location: First United Methodist Church
5401 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232
Tuition: $425.00 ($400.00, if application is submitted or postmarked before May 1)
Tuition is not refundable.
Website

Luminari - Music Makers
Program Details
Dates: July 6-10, 2026
Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Target Audience: Rising 8th – 12th graders
Location: The Vault Recording Studio,
6500 Grand Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15225

Tuition: $395.00 ($370.00, if application is submitted or postmarked before May 1)
Tuition is not refundable.
Website

I want to be an Ambassador - Luminari
Dates: June 9-17, 2026
(June 9-12 in Pittsburgh)
(June 15-17 in Washington DC)
Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (excluding weekends)
Target Audience: Rising 8th – 12th graders
Location: Winchester Thurston Upper School,
555 Morewood Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
and various embassies and historical sites in Washington DC
Tuition: $895.00 ($870.00, if application is submitted or postmarked before May 1)
Tuition is not refundable.
Website

Looking for something in particular? Please reach out to Dr. Maloney with requests for opportunities or experiences. Have a great weekend!

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