Counseling News & Notes

Winter 2026-2027

Please read to stay up to date on events and opportunities in the High School Counseling Department!

ASVAB Shoutout!!!

Our three top scorers on the ASVAB this fall received a free pumpkin just in time for Halloween. Congratulations to Gavin Lapping, Casper Speegle, and Parker Morkunas for their stellar work on the ASVAB!





Beaver County Career and Technology Center Application Information

Just a reminder of the requirements for CTC admission for next school year.

Requirements for CTC admittance are:

1. CTC Field Trip Attendance
2. Completion of Rochester Paper Application
3. Completion of CTC online application
4. Good Grades
5. Good Attendance (Including Tardies)

RASD took a field trip to the CTC on Monday, November 23rd. Any students who missed the field trip and are interested in attending the CTC, need to talk with Mrs. Mouas after Thanksgiving break to schedule an alternative day to visit.

Paper applications were handed out to all students who attended the field trip. The online CTC applications will be available starting January 1st, 2027 and will only stay open until April 1st, 2027. Applications need to be completed as soon as possible. Spots are limited and will be filled according to program availability and the criteria listed above.

Upcoming Field Trips!

Slippery Rock
Thursday, December 3rd

On Thursday, December 3rd, 2026, Rochester Juniors and Seniors will be traveling to Slippery Rock University to take a tour of the University and get information about various programs and opportunities available after graduation.

Pittsburgh College Fair

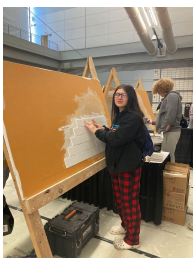


Tuesday, January 26, 2027

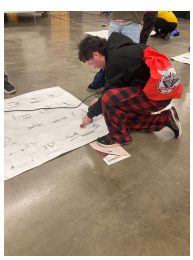
Interested Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will travel to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center for the Pittsburgh National College Fair at the end of January 2027. The College Fair is a free event which allows students an opportunity to explore local and out of state colleges. Permission forms will be available in Mrs. Mouas's office after the holiday break.

Please see Mrs. Mouas for permission slips for any of these exciting field trip opportunities!

Below are pictures from the Build On '26 Field Trip in October.









PennWest UNIVERSITY

Free Dual Enrollment Courses!

Juniors and Seniors with a 3.0 or higher are eligible to take online college courses through PennWest for FREE during the spring semester 2027! Applications are due no later than 4:00pm on Friday, January 8th, 2027. Check out the available courses and application in the links below. See Mrs. Mouas if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

Online Courses Available

Application

Important Senior Information

College Scholarships and High School Transcripts

Scholarships are posted in the English 12 Google classroom as well as the school website. They are updated as scholarship information is received. Please see the link here.

Scholarships

To send your transcripts to a college, please click transcript request link below and click on "Transcript Request Form."

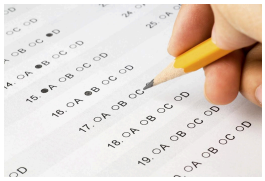
Transcript Request

FAFSA form

Starting this school year, 2026-2027, 12th grade students are required to either complete the Free Financial Aid online application, FAFSA, or parents and students have to fill out an opt out form. The FAFSA is a simple form that both students and parents need to complete to allow colleges to see how much financial aid students are eligible to receive. Please reach out to Mrs. Mouas if you have any questions about the FAFSA form.

https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Upcoming Testing Dates!



Winter Keystones

For select students:

Algebra 1-Monday, December 7th and Tuesday, December 8th

Literature- Wednesday, December 9th and Thursday, December 10th

SATs

Saturday, March 6, 2027 at Rochester

Please visit College Board's website to sign up. Registration is now opened for the March 6th, 2027 test date. There is a fee for the exam but you may qualify for a waiver. Come and see Mrs. Mouas to check your eligibility for a waiver fee. The deadline to sign up for spring SATs at Rochester is February 19th. Students who are considering attending college are recommended to take the SAT by the spring of their Junior year.

https://www.collegeboard.org/

FREE! SAT, ACT, and PSAT Study Guides!

Students do better on standardized tests with practice. We are fortunate to have a free resource with practice questions, games, and explanations for all the major standardized tests. Please see the website below and start practicing!

https://freetestprep.com



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from everyone at Rochester Area High School! You have been so good this year that we gifted all of you two whole weeks of vacation!



Questions?
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