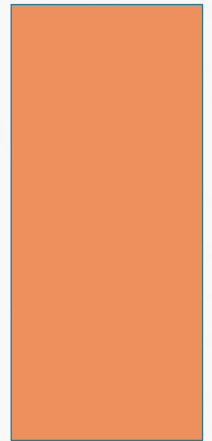


GET SET FOR COLLEGE... OR THE MILITARY...OR...

CLASS OF 2019
JUNIOR GUIDANCE NIGHT





GUIDANCE TESTING DAY: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- Change to junior tests
 - All the juniors take the ASVAB test on October 10th
 - ASVAB
 - comprehensive career exploration and planning program
 - help students identify and prioritize possible career choices
 - No cost
 - Juniors who want to signed up to take the PSAT on October 11th
 - PSAT
 - precursor to SAT
 - National Merit Scholar competition
 - \$15
 - Students not taking the PSAT test on October 11th are strongly encouraged to job shadow or schedule a college visit

JUNIOR YEAR CALENDAR

SECTION 1

MONTH-BY-MONTH CHECKLIST

- September/October
 - Consider attending college fairs in the area
 - Prepare for the PSAT test (if applicable)
 - Check requirements for high school graduation
 - Check to see if you have the high school courses required for colleges and/or the field of study you would like to enter:
 - English
 - Social Studies
 - Foreign Language
 - Math
 - Science,
 - Fine/Performing Arts
 - unique program requirements

COLLEGE FAIRS

- Minnesota National College Fair
 - Wednesday, Sep 27 , 2017 – 9 a.m. -12 p.m. , 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
 - Thursday, Sept. 28 , 2017 – 9 a.m. -12 p.m.
 - Minneapolis Convention Center
 - www.nacacfairs.org/ncf
 - Register ahead of time – saves time at the booths
- Bethany Lutheran College
 - Tuesday, October 24 9 – 1-2:30 pm
 - www.mn-acac.org
 - Held at Bethany's fieldhouse
 - RSVP to Ms. Sperle by Wednesday, October 18

MONTH-BY-MONTH CHECKLIST

- September/October
 - Tuesday, October 10 after ASVAB testing- career fair at MVL
 - Take the ASVAB and/or PSAT test
 - MEA weekend – October 19-20 of October - an excellent time to schedule college visits.
 - If you take the ACT early, make sure you see Ms. Sperle for ACT resources.
 - <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>
- Look at the dates the ACT test is offered and make a plan for taking it.
 - April 14th, 2017 – Registration by March 9th
 - June 9th, 2017 – Registration by May 4th
 - July 14th, 2017 – Registration by June 14th

MONTH-BY-MONTH CHECKLIST

- October – January
- Research careers and colleges
 - ASVAB results – during the school day
 - Resources – Library
 - Book of Majors
 - Peterson's College Review
 - Web sites
 - ACT Profile – <http://www.actprofile.org/login>
 - College Board Big Future - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
 - Minnesota iseek – <http://www.iseek.org/careers/interestassessment.html>
- If you need some extra help finding a career or college path, don't be afraid to schedule an appointment with Ms. Sperle for help.
- Keep visiting colleges
- Keep those grades up!

MONTH-BY-MONTH CHECKLIST

- January – June
- Prepare for the ACT or SAT test. See Ms. Sperle for test prep materials.
- Take the ACT or SAT at least once your junior year.
 - This will allow you *at least* one chance at a retake your senior year.
- I highly recommend you take your ACT or SAT test at the end of your junior year
 - some of the classes you are taking your junior year will help to prepare you for the ACT test.
- Usually the April or June dates work well, but be aware of possible conflicts, like the Prom or History Tour dates.
- New ACT date in July – check test centers nearby
- SAT test centers – St. Peter

MONTH-BY-MONTH CHECKLIST

- January – June
- Take the SAT if you are interested in East or West coast colleges
- When selecting senior courses, be sure to select classes that
 - will enable you to graduate from high school AND
 - fulfill requirements for the college(s)/major(s) you are interested in.
 - **Keep in mind that studies have shown that difficulty of high school curriculum is the #1 factor in determining college success.**
 - Some college and scholarship applications ask the counselor to rate the students' rigor of schedule

MONTH-BY-MONTH CHECKLIST

- August
- Schedule your guidance meeting with the college guidance person
- Visit any colleges you haven't visited yet by EARLY your senior year so that you can hone in on right one for you.
- **Schedule an ACT/SAT retake early in the year – by December at the latest; September or October tests are better**

COLLEGE, MILITARY AND PSEO CHOICES

PART 3

PRICE VS. COST

- Compare the bottom line
- Don't be affected by “sticker shock”
- Many college students receive some form of financial aid – sometimes more from more expensive schools

POPULAR COLLEGES

College	Tuition & fees	Room & Board
Bethany Lutheran College	\$26,020	\$8,020
Martin Luther College	\$13,980	\$5,510
Wisconsin Lutheran College	\$27,984	\$9,620
Gustavus Adolphus	\$43,033	\$9,400
SDSU	Total cost \$16,984	
MSU -- Mankato	Total Cost - \$17,906	
U of M – Morris	\$12,846	\$7,804
U of M – Duluth	\$13,082	\$7,210

TYPICAL SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

College	Award	Requirements
Bethany Lutheran College	Bethany Grant -- \$9,500 Luther Scholarship-- \$11,000 Presidential -- \$12,000	2.8 GPA & 20 ACT 3.2 GPA & 23 ACT 3.6 GPA & 26 ACT
Martin Luther College	Witness -- \$1,500 Messenger -- \$2,000 Presidential -- \$3,000	3.5-3.74 GPA & 27-29 ACT 3.75-4.0 GPA & 30 ACT Valedictorian
Wisconsin Lutheran College	Presidential -- \$15,000 Academic -- \$12,000 Collegiate -- \$10,000 Christian Education - \$1000	3.7 GPA & 27 ACT 3.3 GPA & 23 ACT 2.7 GPA & 21 ACT Went to a Christian High School
Gustavus Adolphus	Dean's Scholarship \$6,000-\$20,000 Presidential Scholarship \$22,500	School Formula Application process, 30 ACT, 3.25 to renew

TYPICAL GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

College	Award	Requirements
SDSU	Jackrabbit Guarantee -- \$1,000	24 ACT
MSU -- Mankato	Presidential Scholar	Top 10% or 3.8, 26+ on ACT
U of M – Morris	Achievement Scholarships – \$1,000- \$4,000	Information from registration
U of M – Duluth	Best of Class -- 50% of tuition Presidential- up to \$5,000 per year Chancellor's – up to \$3000 per year	Class Rank #1 or #2 Students who demonstrate high achievement

CHOOSING A COLLEGE

- What field do I want to study?
- What kind of college do I want to attend?
- What size school do I want?
- Where do I want to be?
 - Close to home
 - Far away
- What location do I want?
 - Urban vs. Rural
- College visits important to determine likes/dislikes

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PSEO & AP CLASSES

- PSEO classes handled through Mr. Plath
- PSEO
 - Advantage – guaranteed college credit (if class is passed!)
 - Save money?
 - High school students in college classes
 - Rigor of class & expectations
 - GPA
 - AP
 - Advantage – geared for high school students doing college level work
 - Disadvantage –
 - college credit varies among colleges
 - Score on test determines college credits -not guaranteed

CAREER CHOICES

PART 2

CHOOSING A CAREER PATH

- MVL career fair
- Interview people in the careers you are considering
- Take note of your interests and gifts
- Take a personality, skills, values, abilities test
 - ASVAB
 - ACT profile
 - SDS- administered through the counselor
- Look through the Book of Majors in the Library
- Don't worry – College students change majors an average of 3 times in their college careers.
- PRAY!

FAFSA & RESOURCES

SECTION

FAFSA CHANGE

- FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Filing change – can File beginning October 1 (changed from January 1)
- Based on previous year's taxes

FAFSA

- FAFSA web site
 - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Create FAFSA ID & Pin
 - <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
- FAFSA help
 - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/help.htm>
- Martin Luther College Financial Aid Event
 - Thursday, September 14, 2017
 - Auditorium at Wittenberg Collegiate Center

START PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

- FAFSA web site–
 - Become familiar with the web site & process
 - Both parents and students need to get FSA
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Tips
 - Student resume sample

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