

Counseling Newsletter
August 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 18 Navy at MVHS noon
August 19 USI CAP meeting at 10:45 a.m. PAC
Sept 8 Deadline for application Lilly Scholarship
Sept 8 Labor Day
Sept 16 Registration deadline for the Oct 22 ACT at MVHS
Oct 1 FAFSA registration can begin
Oct 1 Deadline for Wells Scholarship Materials to IU
Oct 12 PSAT 8:05 to 11 all students grades 10 and 11
Oct 19 Red Cross Blood Drive at MVHS 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Oct 22 ACT at MVHS 8 a.m.
Oct 26 Career Days 8:15 to 10:50 at MVHS
Oct 27 Career Days 8:15 to 10:50 at MVHS
Nov 1 Priority admission application for Indiana University
Nov 3 Registration deadline for SAT at MVHS
Nov 3 Junior Parent Night 7 p.m.
Nov 22 College Day Program 8:45 a.m. MVHS

Lilly Scholarship deadline is September 8. Go to <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey> and go to the Lilly Scholarship

Students planning to attend Indiana University can apply for the Wells Scholarship. MVHS has had Wells Scholarship winners before but it is a very difficult scholarship to receive and you must be an outstanding student with outstanding SAT/ACT scores. We can nominate two. Please let Mr Guthrie know if you are interested by the Friday before Labor Day Sept 2nd.

We will have Career Days this year Oct 26th and Oct 27th. Look for the College Fair as one of the options Wednesday Oct 26th. We have many colleges coming.

Application fees for students applying to Indiana State University in August and September have been waived

Go to Parchment.com and create your account so you can have your transcript sent to the

Senior students may apply for the FAFSA October 1st. This is for grants and loans to attend college beginning in the fall of 2017

FAFSA-students and parents now sign their FAFSA using a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) instead of a 4 digit pin. The website Outreach@ ISMCollegePlanning.org is a resource to use in finding how to create a FSA ID provided by the US Department of Education

The NEW SAT: We will offer the new SAT at MVHS Saturday December 3rd. . Changes include:

1. The essay is optional
2. The NEW SAT will consist of Reading, Writing and Language, Math, and the optional Essay
3. The test will be 3 hours and 50 minutes with the Essay and 3 hours without the Essay
4. Each question has four answer choices
5. Each student who uses as SAT fee waiver gets four college application fee waivers
6. The math test is divided into two parts: Math test-Calculator and Math test-no Calculator

To apply for a college

1. Apply to the college online
2. Go to parchment.com and create an account asking MVHS to send your transcript to the college of your choice
3. In many cases you can apply through the Common Application or SENDedu make sure you have the correct counselor email: A-R guthriede@mvschool.org
Or S-Z walkerkn@mvschool.org

You can apply for the Lilly Scholarship by going through the following steps online by September 8th:

1. Go to <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/pos>
2. Click on scholarship programs
3. Go to Opportunities
4. Click on the scholarship you want to apply for
5. Create a new account
6. When at dashboard click apply
7. County Code pos
8. Link for scholarship program/enter data
9. Click submit form

For free SAT practice tests and other tools go to the Khan Academy website at <http://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

Questions to consider when choosing a college:

What are class sizes like?

Is there a freshman orientation or transition to college program?

What is the graduation rate?

What percentage of students graduate in two/four years, depending on the program?

What kind of student activities or organizations are on campus?

What do students like best about this college?

What academic or other support is offered such as free tutoring, a writing lab, counseling

Other factors: small campus, large university, community college, living at home

You must bring your calculator, admissions ticket and drivers license/ picture school ID with you to take the SAT and ACT.

The ACT

The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school. The ACT has 5 parts: English, Math, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test. The ACT is scored based on the number of correct answers with no penalty for guessing. The ACT also has an interest inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests and career options

Each college and university in the United States is required to have an updated college cost calculator, which indicates accurate current prices and fees for colleges. Check this out to determine the cost of your school. Many use the college cost calculator supplied by the College Board. You can find it at <http://www.netpricecalculator.org>

Seniors have 2 days to visit college campuses. Deadline for approved MVHS college visits is May 1st. You need to pick up a college visit form from Mrs. Martin in the guidance office and follow the guidelines regarding your attendance. Juniors can also take a college visit 2nd semester with the same approve guidelines.

Mt. Vernon High School will again be a national test site for the SAT and ACT this year. Our high school code is 152460. All tests will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the regular location is the social studies hallway at the high school. ACT test center for Mt. Vernon is 164-330 and SAT will be 15-580 MVHS will be offering testing the following dates:

ACT

October 22, 2016

SAT

Feb 11, 2017

December 3, 2016

April 18, 2017

May 6, 2017

SAT practice <http://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

Colleges and Universities Public

Aviation Center Vincennes Indy <http://www.aviationtechcenter.com> 317-381-6000

Ball State University <http://www.bsu.edu/admissions> 765-285-8300

Indiana State University <http://www.indstate.edu> 800-742-0891

Indiana University <http://www.indiana.edu/iub> 812-855-0661

Murray State University <http://www.murraystate.edu> 800-272-4678

Western Kentucky University <http://www.wku.edu> 270-745-2551

IUPUI Indianapolis <http://www.enroll.iupui.edu> 317-274-4591

IPFW Ft. Wayne <http://www.ipfw.edu> 800-324-4739

Purdue University <http://www.purdue.edu> 765-494-1776

University of Southern Indiana <http://www.usi.edu> 800-467-1965

Vincennes University <http://www.vinu.edu> 800-742-9198

Ivy Tech State College/Evansville <http://www.ivytech.edu/southwest> 812-429-1435

Lincoln Trail College <http://www.iecc.edu/ltc>

Southeastern Illinois College <http://www.sic.cc.il.us> 866-338-2742
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale <http://www.admissions.siu.edu> 618-536-4405
Wabash Valley Community College <http://www.iecc.cc.il.us/wvc> 618-262-8641
Colleges and Universities Private
Bethel College <http://www.bethel-in.edu> 574-259-8511
Art Institute of Indianapolis <http://www.ainextstep.com/indianapolis> 866-441-9031
Indiana Wesleyan University <http://www.cas.indwes.edu/admissions> 866-Go-To-IWU
Valparaiso University <http://www.valpo.edu> 888-GO-VALPO
Anderson University <http://www.anderson.edu> 800-428-6414
Earlham College <http://www.earlham.edu> 800-327-5426
Huntington University <http://www.huntington.edu> 800-642-6493
Manchester College <http://www.manchester.edu> 800-852-3648
University of Evansville <http://www.evansville.edu> 800-423-8633
Franklin College <http://www.franklincollege.edu> 800-852-0232
Hanover College <http://www.hanover.edu> 800-213-2178
Marian College <http://www.marian.edu> 800-772-7264
Wabash College <http://www.wabash.edu> 765-361-6225
University of St. Francis <http://www.sfc.edu> 800-729-4732
University of Notre Dame <http://www.nd.edu> 219-631-7505
University of Indianapolis <http://www.uindy.edu> 800-232-8634
Taylor University <http://www.tayloru.edu> 800-882-3456
St. Mary's of the Woods <http://www.smwc.edu> 800-926-7692
St. Joseph's College <http://www.saintjoe.edu> 800-447-8791
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology <http://www.rose-hulman.edu> 812-877-1511
Oakland City University <http://www.oak.edu> 800-737-5125
Butler University <http://www.butler.edu> 800-940-8100
DePauw University <http://www.depauw.edu> 800-447-2495
Kentucky Wesleyan <http://www.kwc.edu> 800-999-0592
Trine University-Angola <http://www.trine.edu> 800-347-4878

The NCAA Clearinghouse: The NCAA has implemented an on-line registration for those students wanting to play Division I or Division II athletics in college. You can register at: http://eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html. GO TO PARCHMENT.COM AND ASK YOUR TRANSCRIPT BE SENT TO THE NCAA FROM MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL.

The cost is \$70. You must have your SAT/ACT scores sent directly to the clearinghouse if you are going to play Division I or Division II athletics. Changes in for 2016 include:

1. Must have 16 core cores, 10 before senior year
2. gpa in core courses must be a 2.3 7 of 10 core classes must be in English, math, and science. Go to 2point3.org to look at the changing NCAA guidelines

NAIA colleges and universities require registration with <http://www.playnaia.org> if you want to participate in NAIA competitive sports programs.

The following are some scholarship and informative websites you will find useful:
<http://www.IndianaCollegeCosts.org> available scholarships and college costs

<http://www.scholarship.com> free scholarship search service
<http://www.freescholarshipguide.com> free scholarship search service
<http://www.collegeanswer.com> free scholarship search service
<http://www.finaid.org> free money, financial aid search service
<http://www.schoolsoup.com> free scholarship search service
<http://www.scholarshiphunter.com> free scholarship search service
<http://www.fastweb.com> free scholarship search service
<http://www.srnexpress.com> free scholarship search service
<http://www.myfuture.com> career information
<http://www.universitys.com> college search
<http://www.kaplan.com> test preparation
<http://www.mycollegeguide.com> student life
<http://www.DriveOfYourLife.org/Educator> Indiana Career Exploration
<http://www.learnmoreindiana.org> college and career information
<http://www.collegeboard.com> career and college information
<http://www.TriptoCollege.org> steps to prepare for college
<http://www.learnmore.org> steps to prepare for college
<http://www.indianacollegecosts.org> to find Indiana college cost info
<http://www.collegegoalsunday.org> help in completing the FAFSA
<http://www.upromise.com> how to set up an Indiana 529 savings plan for college

Scholarships: Scholarships are generally found in two categories 1) need based 2) merit based. The scholarship search engines above are very valuable. Also check out:

- *your mother or father's employer
- *your church or religious affiliated organizations
- *minority serving organizations
- *libraries
- *book stores

When completing a scholarship application it is important to: be neat, be original, be timely, no mistakes

The following scholarship opportunities have been received by the counseling office

**INDICATES LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

*Ancilla College Scholarships <http://www.ancilla.edu/programs>

*Ball State University Scholarships access at <http://www.bsu.edu/admissions/scholarships> No special application is necessary for need based scholarships.

*Brescia University Academic Scholarships <http://www.admissions@brescia.ed>

*Calvin College Scholarships <http://www.calvin.edu/scholarshipsearch>

*Centre College Scholarships go to <http://www.admission@centre.edu>

*Central Michigan University Scholarships cmuadmit@cmich.edu

*Denison University in Ohio program for first generation college bound, multicultural or students with low socioeconomic background

<http://www.connect.denison.edu/register/adurerecommendation>

*Depauw University Scholarships <http://www.financialaid@depauw.edu>

**Lilly Scholarship full tuition, required fees, and a \$900 stipend to an Indiana college or university. You must have a 3.5 grade point average, have taken college prep courses, have a 25 ACT or 1200 (ERW+M) SAT, prepare an essay on goals and have strong school involvement. Apply at <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/pos> September 8th.

*Marian University Scholarships Deadline dates vary for more information contact

<http://www.marian.edu/financialaid> or admissions@marion.edu

*Manchester College Scholarships contact <http://www.manchester.edu>

*Navy ROTC Scholarship <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil>

*Oakland City University Scholarships <http://www.OAK.edu>

*Regency Beauty Scholarships at <http://www.scholarship@regency.edu>

*Rogers Hair Design scholarships <http://www.rogershairacademy.com>

*Rend Lake College Scholarships <http://www.rlc.edu>

*Trine Universtiy Scholarships <http://www.admit@trine.edu>

*University of Wisconsin Milwaukee scholarships <http://www.achieve.uwm.edu/now>

*Valparaiso University Scholarships <http://www.valpo.edu/financialaid>

*Vanderbilt University Scholarships <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/financialaid>

*Vincennes University Scholarships: <http://www.vinu.edu/scholarships>

