

Counseling Newsletter
November 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1 Priority admission application for Indiana University

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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

Nov 22 Red Cross at MVHS noon

Nov 30 Red Cross Blood Drive 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dec 3 SAT at MVHS 8 a.m.

Jan 13 Deadline to apply to Tech School

Jan 13 Registration Deadline for ACT at MVHS 2/11

Feb 11 ACT at MVHS 8 a.m.

Go to Parchment.com and create your account to send transcripts to colleges

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](mailto:Outreach@ISMCollegePlanning.org) is a resource to use in finding how to create a FSA ID provided by the US Department of Education

The SAT: We will offer the new SAT at MVHS Saturday December 3rd and May 6th. .
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

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 approved 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

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

*American Honors Program at IVY TECH for transfer to 4 year college and affordability
<http://www.americanhonors.org/applyivy>

*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>

*Central Michigan University Scholarships at <http://www.go.cmich.edu/scholarships>

*Denison University in Ohio program for first generation college bound, multicultural or students with low socioeconomic background
<http://www.connect.denison.edu/register/adurerecommendation>

**Elks Most Valuable Student Contest Applications available online at
<http://www.enf.elks.org/mvs> No longer delivered to local Elks Deadline November 30

*Hagan Scholarship Program go to <http://www.hsfmo.com> for eligibility requirements for financial assistance for national scholarship program. Deadline Nov 15

*Independent Colleges of Indiana Scholarship contest Nov 1st to Nov 4th. Apply at
<http://www.indianacolleges31.org> and click Enter to Win tab

*IUPUI Honors College Scholarship must have a 3.75, apply by Nov 15th and 28 ACT or 1250 SAT (before 3/16) or 1310 SAT (after 3/16). Deadline Nov 15 visit honorscollege.iupui.edu

*Jane Blaffer Owen Scholarship for students from New Harmony who have documented community service helping New Harmony and a 2.5 grade point average

*Logan's Promise Scholarship for academic achievement and those who want to fight Drinking and Driving. You must have 15 hours community service, have strong academic achievement with a 3.0, have letters of reference and complete the application. Applications available in counseling office. Deadline is March 19

*Lincoln Trail CC scholarships contact browningt@iecc.edu

*Marian University Scholarships Deadline dates vary for more information contact
<http://www.marian.edu/financialaid> or admissions@marion.edu

*Multimedia Scholarship 5 awarded nationally
<http://www.scholarship@honorsgraduation.com>

*Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship Must be willing to work as a teacher in Indiana for 5 years and have nomination letter. Apply at Next Generation Hoosiers Educators Scholarship at learnmoreindiana website or app in Counseling office Deadline is Dec 31, 2016

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

*Richard Lugar Minority Scholarship must be African American, Hispanic or Native American, planning to enroll in Indiana college, have a 3.0 grade point, and have a 1000 cr+m SAT or 22 SAT. Application in Counseling Office Deadline Dec 16

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

*Salon Professional Academy Scholarships

**SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Amy Lindenberg Scholarship

*Southeast Missouri State-In state tuition if you have a 21 ACT 980 SAT and 3.0 and apply by March 1 <http://www.sft.semo.edu>

*Tri Kappa of Evansville Scholarship applications available in counseling office. 350 word essay on future plans and two letters of recommendation. Deadline Dec 15

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

*Tropicana Evansville Scholarships Them deterring underage gambling Essays must be published in a school publication or videos must be no more than 2 minutes and at least 60 seconds played to a group of 50 or more or posters must be displayed in school for at least 1 week. Application available in Counseling Office Due April 7

*University of Indianapolis scholarships apply at <http://www.uindy.edu/apply>

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

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

*Western Kentucky University Cherry Scholarship/Dec 1 admission and Merit Scholarship Jan 15 deadline <http://www.wku.edu/scholarship>

*Western Kentucky Top Dollar Scholarships <http://www.wku.edu/topdollar> Due Feb 1

*Young Entrepreneur Foundation Scholarships for students who have started their own business. Info at <http://www.NFIB.com/YEA> Deadline is Dec 18

